

MINUTES OF THE FIRST (AND ORGANIZATIONAL) MEETING OF THE HAMMOND
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HELD AT THE HARRISON PARK BRANCH OF THE
HAMMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY, 5935 HOHMAN AVENUE, HAMMOND, INDIANA
7:30 p.m., TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1959

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Wilhelm, temporary chairman. Mr. Wilhelm made a few remarks about the advisability for a historical society in Hammond, stressing that it should be set up for both young and old.

Mr. Reeder seconded these remarks and then introduced Mr. Norris Coombs, president of the Duneland Historical Society of Chesterton and Mr. Walter Pickart, president of the Gary Historical Society. Mr. Pickart also represented the Indiana Historical Society, who had a special commission from the State Society to aid in the formation of local societies in Indiana communities.

Everyone about the room was personally introduced, making appropriate remarks as to their identity. The following were in attendance:

* Georgia Allen Barnett 2434 Martha St. Ti 5-0516 Librarian ^{Hammond Public Library} ~~Harrison Park~~ since 1931
Marjorie Ann Sohl 5615 Sohl Ave. We 3-7424 Librarian at ^{Hammond Public Library} ~~Harrison Park~~
John W. Wamsher 6921 Northcote Ti 4-8383 Job analyst, Inland Steel
Robert L. Smith 8923 Southmoor Highland Te 8-0533 Superintendent Inland Steel
Mrs. Veronica M. Kelly 4419 Sheffield We 2-6984 Housewife
Mrs. Patricia Broderick 7339 Howard We 1-7813 Housewife
Mr. Anton H. Tapper 53 - 172nd Place we 2- 5192 Real Estate
Mrs. Henry W. Eggers 6542 Hohman Ave. We 2-1642 Housewife
Mrs. Eugene Cooper 6219 Forest Ave. We 2-8102
Mrs. M. P. Ludwig 30 Mason St. We 3-7070 Housewife
Mrs. Vincent (Dollie Knotts) Bower 517 - 165th St. We 1-9579 Housewife
Florence Allman 239 - 169th St. We 2-8634 Librarian

Mary C. Burhans 5937 Park Place We 2-9391 Retired teacher and sub. Librarian
Walter Pickart 1630 W. 5th Aven. Tu 3-0093 Insurance; Pres. Gary Hist. Soc.
Norris D. Coombs 411 Bowser Aven. Chesterton Ches. 9307; NIPSCO; Duneland Hist. Soc.
Edward B. Hayward 6708 Madison Ave. We 2-6319 Librarian
John Franklin Wilhelm 6346 Hohman Aven. We 2-7186 Bank President
Warren A. Reeder Jr. 245 - 169th St. We 2-0400 Realtor
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Matthies 227 Webb St. We 1-9183 Retired
Annah Emery 21 Ruth St. We 3-0121 Retired Teacher
Lawrence H. Peterson 2432 Martha St. apt 4 Public Library
Mrs. Robert E. Wilhelm 5933 Park Place We 2-7125 Housewife; tax ^{con} assultant
Mrs. Mary McDonald 6527 Jackson Aven. We 2-4059 Housewife

Discussion on organization and financing followed, with Mr. Coombs and Mr. Pickart aid with advice out of their own experience.

Mr. Reeder suggested we incorporate with famous Hammond names in the charter -- mentioning Sohl, Hammond, etc. It was also suggested that the temporary chairman, Mr. Wilhelm, Mr. Reeder and Mr. Pickart present a set of by-laws and take the necessary steps to incorporate. They would also present a program and constitution. Accepted by acclamation.

By agreement, the next two meetings were set as of September 22, 1959 and October 27, 1959, Mr. Hayworth of the Hammond Public Library consenting to the use of the branch once again. By courtesy of the Library, punch and cookies were then served.

Mr. Anton Tapper was introduced and presented the embryonic organization with several scarce photos and books on early Hammond.

Meeting adjoured at 9:15 p.m.

Warren Reeder

Warren Reeder, Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE HAMMOND
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1959

The second organizational meeting of the Hammond Historical Association was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 1959 in the Harrison Park Branch Library by Mr. John Wilhelm. A roll call sheet was passed and the minutes of the first meeting were read by the acting secretary.

The primary business of the meeting was the reading and discussing of the proposed constitution of the organization. The constitution was read, explained and discussed article by article by Mr. John Wilhelm and Mr. Warren Reeder. A copy of the proposed constitution is attached to these minutes.

Since the first step in organizing is to become incorporated, those attending were encouraged to get as many people to sign as incorporators on the sheets which had been mailed out to them before this meeting. Mr. Wilhelm expressed a hope to have at least one thousand incorporators, many of these being young people, the future leaders of the community. October 15th was set as the date by which the lists of incorporators should be turned in to Mr. Wilhelm.

Several in the group expressed the feeling that the constitution was well written and thought out for the future, but were concerned about the mechanics of putting it into operation to start the first year. Mr. Reeder suggested that we all feel Mr. Wilhelm should be the first president, that we elect a president and give him power to appoint the first set of officers who could then appoint the first directors. He further suggested that members might volunteer for offices for the first year. Mr. Wilhelm suggested having a nominating committee of about eight members to go over the roster to get committee volunteers. Miss Mary McDonald moved and Mrs. Henry C. Cleveland seconded a motion that Mr. John Wilhelm be elected the first president by acclamation. The motion carried.

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Some discussion was held on the suggested membership dues with the proposal of a consideration of a lower fee being charged for children and students. It was pointed out that the dues cannot be made too low because of the cost of mailings and that at least a quarterly mailing is necessary to keep interest alive.

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, November 10, 1959. Mr. Reeder, who had prepared some comments on Hammond history, agreed to give them at a later date. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Acting Secretary

Georgia Barnett	2434 Martha St., Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Ave., Hammond
Corene J. Porter ²	845 Hoffman St., Hammond
Florence E. Cleveland	640 - 165th St., Hammond
Caroline Sibley Hohman	54 Ruth Street, Hammond,
Lucile McNaughton	304 Faribanks, Munster
Lawrence H. Peterson	2432 Martha St., Hammond,
Wilfred A. Gromaire	7107 Arkansas Ave., Hammond
Ione Ludwig	30 Mason St., Hammond
Lida M. Owen	440 Highland St., Hammond
Edith L. Burhans	5937 Park Pl., Hammond
Mary C. Burhans	5937 Park Pl., Hammond
G E. Brusel	4810 Oak St., Hammond
Eleanor Brusel	4810 Oak St., Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Ave., Hammond
Mrs. Douglas P. Clarke	7319 Hohman Ave., Hammond
Nina S. Cravens	423 Florence St., Hammond
Mary McDonald	6527 Jackson Ave., Hammond
Mrs. Vincent Bower	517 - 165th St., Hammond
Annah Emery	21 Ruth St., Hammond
Warren A. Reeder, Jr.	245 - 169th St., Hammond
Florence Allman	239 - 169th St., Hammond
Clara Louise Myers	46 Ruth St., Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Ave., Hammond
Delbert LeRoy Purkey	7114 Lyman Ave., Hammond

MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Tuesday, March 1, 1960

The third organizational meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 1960 in the Harrison Park Branch Library by Mr. John Wilhelm, President.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Notice mailed out for the calling of this meeting was read. A roll call sheet was passed for each person to sign. Mr. Wilhelm reported that the circulated sheets of incorporators now list about 170 names. Any sheets still out were requested to be turned in at this meeting and anyone at the meeting not having signed as an incorporator was asked to do so.

Mr. Wilhelm reported that several meetings had been held with Palmer Singleton, Jr. who had agreed to serve as attorney for the organization. A couple of changes in the constitution which was read and discussed at the last meeting had been necessary to conform with the law. Mr. Singleton pointed out that this had to be called the By-Laws instead of the Constitution of the organization, and that the organization had to be called a Society instead of an Association to qualify under the law as a non-profit organization.

Articles II and III stating the objects and standards of the organization were read as well as Article VII on the Directors. The first order of business of the evening was the election of a Board of Directors who may act to incorporate the organization. The following names were proposed:

- For 1 year: Miss Mary Burhans
Mr. Otto Matthies
Mr. Edward C. Minas III
Miss Carolyn Hohman
Mrs. Olive S. Beyers
- For 2 years: Mr. Harold Hammond
Miss Florence Allman
Mrs. Anna Emery
Mr. Arthur J. Weiss
Mrs. Clara Louise Myers
- For 3 years: Mrs. Vincent Bower
Mr. Anton Tapper *Mr. Edward Herkey*
Miss Frances Taylor
Mr. Elmer Rose
Mr. Delbert L. Purkey—
- For 4 years: Mrs. Florence Cleveland
Mr. Palmer Singleton, Jr.
Miss Georgia Barnett
Mr. Robert Zimmerman

Mr. Warren Reeder moved and Mr. Clarence Minas, Jr. seconded that the proposed set of directors be elected. The motion carried.

The Articles of Incorporation were read as including the objects of the organization quoting Article II of the By-Laws and the types of memberships, quoting Article IV of the By-Laws. Mr. H. Frischbutter moved and Miss Florence Allman seconded the motion that the Articles of Incorporation be accepted. The motion carried.

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Acting on appointive power given him at the last meeting, Mr. Wilhelm appointed the following set of officers to serve until May when the annual meeting and election of officers must take place:

President - Mr. John Wilhelm
1st Vice President - Mr. Warren Reeder
2nd Vice President - Mrs. Henry Eggers
3rd Vice President - Mr. Edward B. Hayward
4th Vice President - Mr. John W. Wamsher
5th Vice President - Mrs. Eleanor Brusel
Secretary - Miss Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer - Mrs. William Cook

Mr. Wilhelm read a quotation to the group which was a challenge for any historical society to not only try to locate information of the past, but to preserve the present for the future.

Two guests were introduced, Mr. Walter Pickart from the Gary Historical Society and also representing the Indiana Historical Society, and Mr. Norris Coombs, from the Dunes Historical Society at Chesterton.

Mr. Reeder read a letter which he received from Harold Cross, formerly of the Hammond Times staff but now of Chicago in which he wished the new organization success and recalled a few incidents from Hammond history as he remembered them.

Mr. Wilhelm announced the following people whom he would like to appoint as an Honorary Board to the new organization:

Mr. Walter Pickart
Mr. Norris D. Coombs
Hon. Edward Dowling
Mrs. John McNaughton
Mrs. M.P. Ludwig
Mrs. Lida M. Owen
Mrs. Eugene Cooper

Mr. Wilhelm appointed the following nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for election in May:

Mr. Warren Reeder
Mr. Palmer Singleton, Jr.
Mrs. Vincent Bower
Mr. Donald R. Creasbaum
Mr. Leroy Wooley.

Mr. Wilhelm introduced Dr. Powell Moore as the speaker for the evening who spoke on his experiences while writing the history of the Calumet Region. He pointed out several reasons for his writing the history: the need for a history of this region which had been neglected by historians; a personal urge to leave something of value behind; and the fact that the University looks with favor on faculty writing.

Dr. Moore spoke on the progressive phases of writing his book. He defined the area included geographically by the land drained by the Calumet River in Lake and Porter Counties. He spent 10 years in

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writing it--from the time his children were in third grade until they were sophomores in college. He did not start with an outline, but saturated himself thoroughly with information by reading all he could find on the area and talking with as many people as he could about the early history. Thus the important events became apparent and the outline took shape. The research phase was the most fun. The writing phase required the most personal discipline. He was extremely careful not to let personal opinion and prejudice enter into reporting of historical facts. There was no point in being vicious or hurting people when certain information would add nothing to the history of the region. His work was criticized chapter by chapter by colleagues on the campus and then rewritten.

When the Indiana Historical Society agreed to publish the work, a big milestone was passed. He felt they have a fine record for publishing scholarly works and put out a more sturdy book than the commercial publishers would do. The editing phase was probably the most difficult--when every reference and footnote had to be checked with the original source for accuracy and when rewriting was necessary to shorten it. He closed his comments by telling a few of the stories of things which had to be left out of the book in order to shorten it but which were interesting incidents in the history of the region. He autographed copies of his book for those present with a book after the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Secretary

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Norris D. Coombs
Walter Pickart
Mrs. Constance E. Purkey
Delbert L. Purkey
Florence E. Cleveland
Mary C. Burhans
Mrs. Olive S. Byers
Florence Allman
Mrs. David Myers
W. C. Couch
M. D. Straight
E. C. Minas Jr.
Mrs. Adelaide Minas
Mrs. Marilyn Minas
Edward C. Minas III
R. Stanley Anderson
Herman Frischbutter
Edward B. Hayward
Robert F. Duncan
Mrs. Robert F. Duncan
Mrs. E. M. Shanklin
John W. Wagner
Marjorie Sohl
John F. Wilhelm
Warren A. Reeder, Jr.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Tuesday, March 22, 1960.

The first meeting of the officers and Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order by the president, John Wilhelm, at the Harrison Park Branch library on Tuesday, March 22, 1960 at 7:30 p.m. A roll call sheet was passed.

Plans were started for the first annual meeting, which, according to the accepted by-laws, must be held each year in May. In the discussion of the type of meeting it should be, Mr. Harold Hammond suggested it should be a business meeting, Mrs. William Cook suggested its program should relate to Hammond history, Mr. Edward Hayward suggested it might be a dinner meeting. On a motion by Harold Hammond, seconded by Mr. John Wamsher, and carried by the vote of the board, the meeting was set for the second Tuesday in May, May 10th at 7:30 p.m. It was agreed that the Harrison Park Branch was too small to accomodate the annual meeting. The type of program planned would to a great extent determine the attendance and consequently the size of hall needed. Mr. John Wamsher stressed the importance of having a good program to attract public attention at the first meeting. Mr. Wilhelm suggested the possibility of obtaining Mr. Hubert Hawkins, Manager of the Indiana Historical Bureau and Secretary of the Indiana Historical Society as the speaker. Places suggested included Hammond Technical High School, either the small or the large auditorium, a room at the Hammond Civic Center, or the Hammond High School Auditorium. Mr. John Wamsher volunteered to obtain the place, with the preference in the order named. A brief business meeting will have to be held at the meeting for the election of officers. A nominating committee is working on a slate to be presented at that time. Since the present officers lack a 5th Vice President, who is the program chairman, Mr. Wilhelm offered to work on the planning of this program. Mr. Wilhelm explained that Mrs. Eleanor Brussel did not accept the appointment as 5th Vice President. Since there was not a volunteer from the Board to fill this office, Mr. Arthur Weiss suggested that we should accept Mr. Wilhelm's offer to plan this program and be prepared to fill the vacancy in May.

Mr. Wilhelm explained that the dues year dates from June 1 to May 31. In order to have some funds for operation, each of the Board members had been asked to pay \$4.00 dues which, broken down, would be \$1.00 for the period of now until June 1 plus \$3.00 for June 1, 1960 to May 31, 1961. On a motion by Mr. Harold Hammond, seconded by Mr. Edward Hayward, and carried by the Board, the dues from now to June 1 were established at \$1.00.

Mr. Wilhelm asked for an expression of opinion on the number of meetings the society should hold each year. It had been suggested that for the first year, four meetings be held for the general membership. Miss Florence Allman commented it was better to have only four and have them good ones, than to meet more often. Miss Mary Burhans suggested that work on projects be carried on in between the meetings so that something could be accomplished. Miss Frances Taylor commented four meetings be held with varied programs. She also suggested

that the annual meeting include some exhibits since these are of special interest to students. It was further suggested that meetings be eliminated in the summer, but that the summer could be used for field trips or study groups.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in thinking and talking about possible projects. The following were suggested:

1. Churches of all denominations be encouraged to send us their bulletins and any of their publications or any histories of their church to have them preserved on microfilm. With the facilities available to us to do microfilming, this should not be an expensive project.
2. Have a picture or shutter contest, especially for youngsters on a chosen subject like industries, railroads, or public buildings. This could be part of our greater purpose to record what we are doing today for future generations.
3. See that the city hall puts on microfilm all of its records before they get destroyed.
4. Frances Taylor suggested a project of making and erecting markers or encouraging owners to mark some of the locations of places of historical importance in Hammond.
5. Mr. Edward Hayward suggested a collection of pictures and plans of some of the first buildings. This could be a part of a larger old picture project which would require a committee to accept material, a permanent place to house material given to the society, an evaluating committee to determine what shall be preserved and a publicity campaign to let people know that we are looking for such material.
6. Determine what happened to the old Civil War cannon that formerly stood in the park in front of the Public Library.

With all these project ideas in the air to think about, Mr. Wilhelm called a halt for this time in order to make an assignment to each officer and Board member to write a brief autobiography. It is not for publication but will be put in the confidential file. It should be a chronological list of events and impressions of not less than 300 to 500 words. This should be done in the next three to four months.

On a motion by Anton Tapper, seconded by Harold Hammond, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sahl

Secretary

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. PRESENT AT THE
MEETING held on Tuesday, March 22, 1960.

Marjorie Sohl
Georgia Barnett
Arthur J. Weiss
Edward B. Hayward
Annah Emery
Caroline Hohman
Florence E. Cleveland
John F. Wilhelm
Harold W. Hammond
John W. Wamsher
Mary C. Burhans
Olive S. Byers
Edward Herkey
Delbert L. Purkey
Frances Taylor
Anton H. Tapper
Marguerite Cook
Herman Frischbutter
Florence Allman
Mrs. David D. Myers

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VICE-PRESIDENTS OF
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
April 19, 1960

A meeting of the vice-presidents was called by Mr. Wilhelm, President of the Hammond Historical Society, at his home at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, 1960. The meeting was attended by John Wilhelm, John Wamsher, Edward Hayward, Palmer Singleton and Marjorie Sohl.

Mr. Singleton went over the incorporation papers, found them in order and needing only the list of directors typed in, the list of incorporators attached and the papers signed by at least three officers. They were then ready to send to Indianapolis to the Secretary of State and when returned, to be recorded at Crown Point.

With the incorporating all completed, Mr. Wilhelm felt we needed some publicity in the Hammond Times. Mr. Hayward agreed to write a newspaper story of the organization and officers.

The visual aids room at Hammond Tech has been obtained for the annual meeting May 10. Mr. Wilhelm agreed to try to get Hubert Hawkins or Walter Pickert as a speaker for that meeting.

Two other possible projects for the society were discussed briefly:

1. The Indiana Historical Society is working on a project of collecting pictures of Mid-Victorian style homes (1890-1900). Mr. Hawkins has asked our cooperation on this project.
2. Compile a record of the origin and historical meaning of the street names in Hammond. This could be obtained from the records at Crown Point.

It was pointed out that we need some kind of enrolling of members in order to see who is actively interested in committees and projects. Mr. Wamsher agreed to compile a letter to be sent to each incorporator before the May 10 meeting stating the standards and dues schedule and suggesting that they bring the form with them, filled out, to the annual meeting May 10 when dues could be paid. It was further suggested that the newspaper publicity include an invitation to membership to anyone interested.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Secretary

Hammond Historical Society Is Organized

Organization of the newly created Hammond Historical Society is now complete, according to John F. Wilhelm, president. Officers and directors include four classes of directors who will serve terms of from one to four years, five vice-presidents, a secretary and a treasurer. The first annual meeting of the society will be held May 10, at the Hammond Technical and Vocational High School, Wilhelm said.

Directors elected to serve until the annual meeting are Miss Mary Burhans, Otto Matthies, Edward C. Minas III, Miss Carolyn Hohman, and Mrs. Olive S. Beyers. The second class of directors who will serve until 1961 are Harold Hammond, Miss Florence Allman, Mrs. Anna Emery, Arthur J. Weiss, and Mrs. Clara Louise Myers.

DIRECTORS elected for a three-year term are Mrs. Vincent Bower, Anton Tapper, Miss Frances Taylor, Elmer Rose, and Delbert L. Purkey. The board of directors is completed by Mrs. Florence Cleveland, Palmer Singleton, Jr., Miss Georgia Barnett and Robert Zimmerman who will serve until 1963.

First vice president, in charge of projects for the Society is Warren A. Reeder, Jr. Other vice presidents responsible respectively for publicity, an annual conclave, membership, and programs are Mrs. Henry W. Eggers, Edward B. Hayward, John W. Wamsher, and Mrs. Eleanor Brusel. Miss Marjorie Sohl was appointed secretary and Mrs. William Cook, treasurer.

According to the Articles of Incorporation the purposes of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. are (1) to collect and preserve materials of history, art and industry; (2) to promote education to both young and old toward histori-

cal inquiry; (3) to establish and maintain a historical museum; (4) to publish and spread historical information with reference to the city of Hammond, Lake County, Indiana; (5) to promote a wider acquaintance and a closer relationship among its members; (6) to provide a means through which those engaged in building prestige and business for the city of Hammond may assist each other through the exchange of ideas.

MEMBERS are pledged to observe the following Standards of Practice: To cling steadfastly to the truth in the publishing of material about and for the city of Hammond; to work unceasingly toward public enlightenment toward the importance of preservation of valued information for posterity; to seek public confidence on the basis of highest standards of honesty and integrity, when entrusted with valued information to be preserved in secrecy as prescribed by the donor; to study methods employed by other organizations dealing with the history of their communities in building prestige and business, and to make the results of this study available to the members; to cooperate to the fullest extent within its membership on all questions of common concern.

Membership in the Society is open to business firms, individuals, and civic organizations, according to John Wamsher, membership chairman. Charter members are those of record on the incorporation papers which will be filed with the county recorder. New memberships will begin with the annual meeting, May 10 and may be secured at that meeting or from the treasurer.

MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1960

The first annual meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 1960, in Room 224 of the Hammond Technical Vocational High School by the president, Mr. John Wilhelm.

A roll call sheet was passed indicating 30 persons present. The minutes of the last regular meeting, March 1, were read. A correction in the publisher of Dr. Moore's book was made to read the Indiana Historical Bureau instead of Society.

Mr. Wilhelm read his annual report in which he emphasized the meaning of and purpose for organizing the society and the roll which it could play to fill a cultural need of the city. He thanked all the officers and members for their cooperation and interest during the year.

The treasurer, Mrs. Cook, reported \$93.00 had been collected in dues to date. \$30.25 expenses had been incurred in the incorporating of the society, leaving a balance of \$62.75.

Mr. Wamsher, membership chairman, announced that within the next two weeks, membership application forms will be mailed out to all of the 240 persons who signed as incorporators. Dues are \$3.00 per year for individual memberships.

Mr. Wilhelm read from Articles VII and VIII of the by-laws explaining the election of directors and officers at the annual meeting. Mr. Warren Reeder presented the following slate of officers as the nominating committees report:

President - Warren Reeder

1st Vice President - Mrs. Henry Eggers

2nd Vice President - Edward B. Hayward

3rd Vice President - John W. Wamsher

4th Vice President -

5th Vice President -

Secretary - Miss Marjorie Sohl

Treasurer - Mrs. William Cook

Directors:

For 1 year:	Mr. Harold Hammond
	Miss Florence Allman
	Mrs. Anna Emery
	Mr. Arthur J. Weiss
	Mrs. Clara Louise Myers
For 2 years:	Mrs. Vincent Sower
	Mr. Anton Tapper
	Miss Frances Taylor
	Mr. Elmer Rose
	Mr. Edward Herkey
For 3 years:	Mrs. Florence Cleveland
	Mr. Palmer Singleton, Jr.
	Miss Georgia Barnett
	Mr. Herman Frishbutter
	Mr. Delbert L. Purkey

For 4 years:

The nominating committee did not have nominations for the 4th and 5th Vice Presidents and the 4 year directors, hoping some could be filled by nominations from the floor at the meeting or by the Board during the year to come. Mr. Hayward suggested that Mr. Wilhelm read the duties of the 4th and 5th Vice Presidents. The following nominations were made from the floor:

Mr. Singleton nominated Mrs. Olive S. Beyers for 4th Vice President. She declined because she will be out of town much of the year.

Mr. Hayward nominated Marvin Wheeler as a director. Mrs. Beyers seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Vincent Bower nominated Mrs. Minnie Taitt as a director. She declined.

Mrs. Vincent Bower nominated Mrs. M. P. Ludwig as a director. She declined.

Mr. Wilhelm nominated Mrs. Mary Peters for 4th Vice President. Mrs. Bower seconded the nomination.

Mr. Hayward nominated George Nelson as a director. Mrs. Beyers seconded the nomination.

Mr. Palmer Singleton moved that nominations be closed. Miss Mary Burhans seconded the motion. The slate of officers nominated by the nominating committee and from the floor were elected. The new officers were introduced. Vacancies to be filled later include the 5th Vice President and 3 directors.

Mr. Wilhelm introduced Warren Reeder who talked on the diary of Carolyn Hohman, the wife of the first settler in Hammond. Walter Mott, a grandson of Carolyn Hohman, gave him a copy of the eight spasmodic entries in the diary from April, 1850 to June, 1870. These brief and occasional entries reflected the youth and loneliness of these early settlers; the arrival of relatives and friends and the birth of children; the buying and selling of land; the arrival of the railroads; the friendships with the Indians; the birth of surrounding towns to the south; the coming of the G.H. Hammond Packing Company; and the growth of the settlement with schools and churches established.

Then Mr. Reeder showed slides which he had taken around town of some of the old homes and buildings which could be identified with Hammond history including the Drackert home, probably the oldest standing home in Hammond; the Huehn Opera House; the Milligan home at Truman and Oakley; the old Minas home, remodeled to the present Kuhn clinic; Riverside School, the oldest school in Hammond; the Schloer Shoe Store, probably the oldest store in continuous existence; Mueller's Hardware, established a year later; the Calumet National Bank, the largest bank in Hammond; the old Bell Telephone building; Jack Foxes, the first skyscraper in Hammond; the Hoosier Bank Building, the oldest bank building in Hammond; the Tapper Building before it was torn down to make room for the first downtown building to be erected since Goldblatt's was built 33 years ago. Mr. Reeder concluded the slides with slides of monuments to some of the early families which are found in the Oak Hill Cemetary.

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Mr. Wilhelm reminded all present of the assignment to write down their autobiography--at least where they came from and some of their opinions. He read the first page of his entitled "This I Remember," which is to be continued at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. with the next meeting to be announced for sometime next fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 9, 1960

Dues paid for 3/1/60 to 5/31/60 - - -	\$24.00	\$
Dues paid for 6/1/60 to 5/31/61 - - -	<u>69.00</u>	<u>\$93.00</u>

Expenses:

Filing Articles of Incorporation	\$13.00	
Corporate Seal & Corp. Record Book	<u>17.25</u>	<u>30.25</u>
Balance on Hand, 5/9/60		\$62.75

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Cook,
Treas

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

May 10, 1960

The year 1959-60 marked a beginning of your Society. Your officers and directors were faced with the difficult decisions of developing your operating structure, containing policy and finance. Having great faith in the future of the Society, we have resolved these problems with the knowledge that the Hammond Historical Society will occupy an important place in the years to come.

I think it appropriate to emphasize what we consider to be the role of the Hammond Historical Society. It has been my observation that, as cities grow and prosper, the past takes on new meaning. In all such cities, the Historical Societies have become more and more important. Just as in the case of other major cities in the United States, our role has begun. We fill a cultural need in the City of Hammond that no other organization can fill. In many respects, we touch areas not touched by any other organizations. We must meet this challenge and to do it we have to have the facilities, organization and backing that is necessary. Success breeds success. Your officers and directors are pleased to say to you that we believe we are proceeding in the right direction. As the public becomes aware of our increased ability, we will grow in membership and strength. Unquestionably, your Society will gain in stature and will be one with which you, as members, will be proud to be associated. We seek and ask your support in all of our activities, and your help in working with us in expanding and increasing these activities.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your first President. I would not be fair ~~in closing~~ unless I expressed my heart-felt thanks for the fine cooperation which all of your officers, members of the board, and all associated with the Society have given me.

John F. Wilhelm,
President

Sunday, May 15, 1960

Hohman Diaries Historical Society Meeting Topic

The first annual meeting of the Hammond Historical Society will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Audio-Visual Room of Hammond Technical High School, 5727 Sohl Ave.

Speakers include John P. Wilhelm, outgoing president of the society, and Warren A. Reeder, Jr., president-elect.

Wilhelm, a lifelong resident of Hammond, will speak on "This I Remember." He will illustrate his talk with colored slides.

Reeder will speak on "The Caroline Hohman Diaries," the early writings of one of the first settlers of the area which provides a principal source of material on the city's history.



New, Old Presidents

Warren Reeder (left) new president of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc., looks over slides used by John P. Wilhelm, retiring president, in presenting early history of the city. Picture was taken at the annual meeting of the society in the audio-visual room at Hammond Technical High School.

(Hammond Times Photo)

MINUTES OF THE HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Tuesday, September 27, 1960

A meeting of the Hammond Historical Society was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 1960, in Room 224 of the Hammond Technical Vocational High School by the president, Mr. Warren Reeder.

A roll call sheet was passed indicating 36 persons present. The minutes of the May meeting were read. A correction was made by Mr. Reeder that the old Bell Telephone Building was the Oscar Krinbill house. Miss E. M. Goodland commented that the building Jack Fox is in should be called the Hammond Building owned by the McHie family.

Mrs. Cook was reported ill so no treasurer's report was given. However, Mr. Reeder encouraged any who wanted to could pay their dues of \$3.00 per individual membership to him or the secretary. Extra membership application forms were made available to any who wanted them.

Mr. Reeder announced that he had copies available for sale at \$6.00 each of Dr. Moore's book, "The Calumet Region." He reminded all who had not done so to sign the attendance sheet. The next meeting was announced for Tuesday, November 29 at which time Mr. Wilhelm would give his twice postponed talk, "This I Remember." He also announced plans for a future meeting to include a bus tour of places of interest in and around Hammond to be held on a Sunday afternoon when traffic is not heavy. Plans for the annual meeting in the spring are to have Mr. Hubert Hawkins give his story of Morgan's Raid through Indiana.

The following items of interest were donated to the society or listed for possible future acquiring:

1. Mr. Anton Tapper donated two slides to the collection of building pictures, one of his grandfather's general store and one of the old Monon Hotel.
2. Mr. Henry Reissig donated an envelope of writings which Mr. Reeder accepted to itimize and report on later.
3. Mrs. Marie Hanlon donated two pictures, one of the G.H. Hammond Packing Company before the fire, and one of Skatina's fruit store on Hohman.
4. Mrs. Annah Emery said she had a copy of the Lake County Times for April, 1918 telling of the building of the Liberty Hall.
5. Mr. Edward Hayward reported that he had seen and listed the contents of the cornerstone of the old Hammond Tech building which are now in the hands of the parking commission which bought the property. Some handwritten histories and papers might be of interest to the society to acquire.

Mr. Reeder introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Arthur Weiss, who spoke on "Great Hammond personalities of the 1910's and 1920's." Mr. Weiss first paid tribute to our organization president, Mr. Reeder, who had just been chosen the 1960 Indiana Realtor of the Year by the Indiana Real Estate Association. He then spoke briefly on each of the following men whom he had known well or been associated with in his early years in Hammond:

1. John Fitzgerald, Head of the Hammond Distilling Company, who was responsible for Mr. Weiss's coming to Hammond.
2. A. Murray Turner, who had a deep interest in developing the parks of the region, and was chiefly instrumental in developing Wicker Park. He and his associates bought the property from Mrs. Wicker, held it until legislation could be passed allowing a township to own park property, and then sold it to the township at the price they had paid for it. It was then named Wicker Memorial Park, for the family who originally owned the land and as a memorial to the soldiers in order to get President Coolidge to come to dedicate it.
3. George Hannauer, who developed the Hannauer-Wilcox car retarder at the Gibson yards of the I.H.B. Railroad. It was a device for stopping cars in the switching operation operated from the control tower. George Hannauer lived in the area then called West Hammond, now Calumet City, and he did much to improve the moral reputation of West Hammond.
4. Peter Meyn, who was in the grocery business, insurance, real estate and banking business and was instrumental in the locating of many industries in Hammond, including the W.B. Conkey Company and the Standard Steel Car Company.
5. Frank S. Betz, who came to Hammond in the early 1900's, went into the business of surgical instruments and developed it into the largest manufacturer of hospital supplies in the country. The plant is now occupied by the Queen Ann Cany Company.
6. Ray Seeley, city engineer, who with the help of James T. Bruno and Thomas Stack reworked and gave some system to the whole method of naming and numbering the city streets and houses.

Mr. Weiss presented to the society a picture of the National Guard which served in this area from 1914 to 1918 in which he served as a lieutenant under Captain Walter Patton.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m., with a reminder that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, November 29, 1960.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sahl
Secretary

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Attendance, September 27, 1960.

Mrs. John Malo	52 Ruth Street, Hammond
Miss E. M. Goodland	Chicago - Visitor
Mrs. M. P. Ludwig	30 Mason Street, Hammond
Anton H. Tapper	53 - 172nd Place, Hammond
M. J. Volkman	241 - 173rd Street, Hammond
Mrs. T. T. Kraig	7960 Belmont Avenue, Hammond
Fern Arnold	4849 Oak Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Arnold	4849 Oak Avenue, Hammond
Eleanor Brusel	4810 Oak Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. David Myers	46 Ruth Street, Hammond
Mrs. Florence E. Cleveland	640 - 165th Street, Hammond
George H. Nelson	3431 - 41st Street, Highland
Miriam P. Carter	30 Waltham Street, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Griesel	1132 - 177th Place, Hammond
Linda Griesel	1132 - 177th Place, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	54 Ruth Street, Hammond
Mrs. Marie Hanlon	Adams Street, Lansing
Mr. & Mrs. Henry O. Reissig	9 Adelaide Place, Munster
Delbert L. Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. E. M. Shanklin	54 Ruth Street, Hammond
Annah Emery	21 Ruth Street, Hammond
Mrs. A. J. Weiss	25 Waltham Street, Hammond
Arthur J. Weiss	25 Waltham Street, Hammond
Terry McGough	4 - 172nd Street, Hammond
Mrs. Mary Ruschlie Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Mr. & Mrs. W. P. King	8119 Linden Avenue, Munster
Mrs. H. Whiting	5614 Claude Avenue, Hammond
Corene J. Porter	845 Hoffman Street, Hammond
Georgia Barnett	2434 Martha Street, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Marvin Wheeler	921 - 173rd Street, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Warren Reeder	245 - 169th Street, Hammond



Personalities Are Topic for Meeting

"Great Hammond Personalities of the 1910s and 1920s" will be outlined by Arthur Weiss at the Hammond Historical Society meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 224 of Hammond Tech Vocational High School.

He will present the characteristics of such men as A. Murray Turner, Peter W. Meyn, George Hanauer and others of the era.

MINUTES OF THE HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Tuesday, November 29, 1960

A meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 1960 in the Harrison Park Branch of the Hammond Public Library by the president, Mr. Warren Reeder.

A roll call sheet was passed indicating 30 persons present. The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Cook submitted the accompanying treasurer's report indicating a balance on hand of \$103.43. Members were reminded to pay dues if they did not receive a membership card in the last letter from the president.

Mr. Reeder made the following announcements:

1. Mr. Hubert Hawkins, Secretary of the Indiana Historical Society wrote asking the Hammond Historical Society to undertake the project of supplying the Indiana Society with pictures and information of houses of Lake County built between 1860 and 1900 for the proposed study of the domestic architecture of Indiana in the nineteenth century.
2. Mr. Reeder has application forms for membership in the Society of Indiana Pioneers. To be eligible for membership, a person must submit proof that at least one ancestor settled in Indiana before the close of the pioneer period--that is before 1840 for Lake County.
3. Mr. Wilhelm has started a project of writing to all the churches in the area to save their weekly bulletins and any other publications of historical importance to be collected once a year for microfilming.
4. Mr. Reeder has been informed that the Hammond High School yearbooks, The Dunes, are carefully preserved in a vault at the school and available for use there.
5. The following things have been turned in to the Society:
 - a. Mr. Henry O. Reissig - a biographical sketch of the highlights of his life.
 - b. Mrs. Perry - a picture of the Bradford home on the southwest corner of Hohman and Condit.
 - c. Mrs. Bower - Two pictures of the laying of the cornerstone of the court house on Hohman.
 - d. Mrs. Emery - An 1890 picture of the school children. Only persons identified on the picture so far are Mr. Bellman and Lena Lindner.
 - e. Mrs. Emery - April 1, 1918 edition of the Lake County Times telling of the dedication of the Liberty Hall.

Mr. Reeder appointed Edward Hayward and Marjorie Sohl as a committee to submit suggestions for the preservation and cataloging of materials acquired by the society.

A comment by Mrs. Peters on the opera house in the Miller and Huehn Building at Hohman and Logan started a listing of former theatres in Hammond as remembered by the members present. They included the Hammond Opera House at State and Hohman, the Gem Nickelodeon on West State Street, Princess Theatre in the Tapper Building on Hohman, the Towle Opera House or DeLuxe Theatre on Hohman next to Woolworth's, the Beju on State Street, the Idlehour on State Street between Barelli's and Milligans, the Orpheum on State Street and the Past-time on West State Street.

Mr. John Wilhelm presented his collection of memories entitled "This I Remember" in an effort to inspire others to write down those things which they remember. The comments which his remembering inspired from the audience indicated what a contagious thing this remembering can be.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marjorie Sohl". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Treasurer's Report

November 29, 1960.

Assets:

34 Individual Charter Membership Dues	\$136.00	
24 Individual Membership Dues(6/1/60 to 5/31/61)	72.00	
3 Service Memberships (6/1/60 to 5/31/61)	<u>6.00</u>	
Total Dues Collected	\$214.00	\$214.00

Expenses:

5/4/60 Secretary of State of Ind. Filing Fee	\$ 13.00	
5/9/60 Dwight & M. H. Jackson (Corporate seal & Record Book)	17.25	
5/13/60 Recorder of Lake County	10.00	
8/29/60 Thompson Printing Co. (folders)	60.32	
8/29/60 Warren A. Reeder (postage)	6.00	
11/21/60 Postmaster (postage)	<u>4.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$110.57	<u>110.57</u>

BALANCE on Hand, November 29, 1960.....\$103.43

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Cook
Marguerite Cook

Attendance, November 29, 1960.

John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Ethel Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Anna Perry	6238 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond
Annah Emery	21 Ruth Street, Hammond
Edith L. Burhans	5937 Park Place, Hammond
Lida M. Owen	440 Highland Street, Hammond
Mary C. Burhans	5937 Park Place, Hammond
Anton H. Tapper	53 - 172nd Place, Hammond
Winifred E. Schutz	8301 Columbia Avenue, Munster
Edward Schutz	8301 Columbia Avenue, Munster
Mrs. E. M. Shanklin	54 Ruth Street, Hammond
Mrs. Mary R. Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Mrs. M. P. Ludwig	30 Mason Street, Hammond
Bertha Kleihege	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Marvin Wheeler	921 - 173rd Street, Hammond
Dollie K. Bower	517 - 165th Street, Hammond
Mrs. David D. Myers	46 Ruth Street, Hammond
Florence Allman	239 - 169th Street, Hammond
Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wilder	2 Ruth Street, Hammond
Georgia Barnett	2434 Martha Street, Hammond
Corene Porter	845 Hoffman Street, Hammond
Mrs. Norman Allen	7051 Knickerbocker Avenue, Hammond
Clarence Minas	7306 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
James Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
John A. Scherer	5946 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Frank J. Masepohl	5946 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
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Monday, November 28, 1960

Historical Society Meets Tuesday

John Wilhelm will be the speaker at the meeting of the Hammond Historical Society at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Harrison Park branch of the Public Library. Warren Reeder, president, said Wilhelm's topic will be "This I Remember." The meeting is open to the public.



The Hammond Historical Society was founded in 1960 to publish, promote and preserve historical knowledge and to spread historical information with reference to the City of Hammond. Serving on the board are, seated, John F. Wilhelm, banker and past president; Warren A.

Reeder Jr., realtor and president of the group, and Edward B. Hayward, vice president. Standing, Marguerite Cook, treasurer, and Marjorie Sohl, secretary, Mrs. Henry Eggers and John W. Wamsher also serve as vice presidents.

Ind. West.
Chillicothe

March - 1961

~~There is a record of 3-8~~
Lake County - The first quarterly meeting of the Historical Association of Lake County was held on November 12 in the New Lake Prairie School. A paper on the "Pony Riders" by Miss Hilada Dahl and "The March of History" by Merritt Metz were read. Chester Clark of Crown Point is president and Mrs. Cordie Kenney of Lowell is secretary.

The newly formed Hammond Historical Society held two meetings in the fall of 1960. At the first Arthur Weiss discussed on "Great Hammond Personalities of the Early 20th Century" and at the second John Wilhelm spoke on the subject, "This I Remember." Warren A. Reeder, Jr., is president.

Even! of the early 1960s

Minutes of Director's meeting of Hammond Historical Society
held at Warren Reeder's office, Sat. March 11, 1961 1:30 PM

The following members were present;

Warren Reeder	Delbert Purkey
Mrs. Henry Eggers	George Nelson
Edward Hayward	Marvin Wheeler
Arthur Weiss	John Wilhelm
Palmer Singleton, Jr.	

The secretary being absent, Mr. Reeder asked Mr. Wheeler to take notes of the meeting.

1. A bus tour was planned for April 23rd, Sunday afternoon. A route would be planned and the following suggestions were made.
 - a. Old Forsythe House--Robertsdale-west corner of five points
 - b. Lake front park
 - c. Roby speedway
 - d. Hammond Athletic club site-by Brehm's coal yard
 - e. Old Packing house site
 - f. Truhman Ave. --old german church-Methodist which later joined with 1st Methodist .
 - g. Mr. Hayward will bring electric mike--loud
 - h. People must sign up ahead--probably .50 each Bus can be rented for \$10.00 an hour--52 passengers.
 - i. Police escort on tour talked about--must see Capt. Becky.

2. Date set for annual meeting May 18th Thurs.
Mr. Hubert Hawkins will speak on Civil War in Ind. Has Slides.
Brings in humor, tension, famous names etc.

Mr. Wilhelm named as chairman of nominating committee for this meeting.

3. The following are suggestions by various members for projects that we should do as a Historical Club.
 - a. Mr. Purkey is doing one---history of the police department
He spoke on their micro filming of city records--the vault being damp- should these records be checked and by whom?
How about humidifiers? Should society get behind this.
 - b. How about inviting an expert from another society to give us ideas and for question and answer session--La Porte was mentioned.
 - c. The Lyndora Hotel and the Tech Corner Stone were mentioned
 - d. Mr. Wilhelm suggested that we have school children checked for possible objects their families might have ..
 - e. Mr. Hayward and Miss Sohl have been on a committee to write up a short history of Hammond for publication in the city schools.
Mr. Wheeler was added to this committee and they are to get together soon to whip it into shape.
 - f. Mr. Wilhelm brought up the point that we had better get pictures and information etc., about the court house as it will be torn down.
 - g. Mr. Wilhelm mentioned that the banks would help with storage space for valuable material. --we must establish our reliability so people will loan or give us material.

- h. Catalog all reference material (bibliography of Hammond.)
- i. Fire Department history---
- j. How about Calumet City--for information also
- k. Documentation of all information given to us--description-filed .
- l. New Library---to have calumet room---historical society products. duplicates?? museum.
- m. Mr. Singleton-- political history of Hammond--city officials.
This brought up quite a discussion.
It was agreed that we should get pictures of all living mayors and a tape recording of their voices and ask them to write an autobiography of their lives and get all the information from them we can. Dowling, Anderson, Smith, Schoenert.

Also check with their relatives and relatives of other mayors as time is running out.

Mr. Wilhelm asked for permission to contact our present mayor on this. Mr. Singleton suggested a letter on our stationary asking for information from them 1st.

- n. Mr. Wilhelm suggested that we get school children interested--say a photo contest of present Hammond (for the future) this could lead to great things---interest and discovery of a lot of things. make it an annual affair.
 - o. How about checking photographers--Mr. Reeder said he had checked both Bodie and Uhle but to no avail.
 - p. Walter Pickert has old fire maps--the suggestion was made that every five years ahead Hammond be checked by sections(laid out) for changes etc....
 - q. How about checking the school system for material.
 - r. Mr. Hayward told us about S. E. Swaim's old papers prior to the Hammond Times---in the archives of the state at Indianapolis that are being microfilmed at the present time.
 - s. Mr. Wheeler said he would contact Rosa Herkener(nee Ruff) age 97 who is said to have quite a few old stories etc... perhaps then Mr. Reeder can tape some of the stories.
4. Mrs. Mary Peters, membership chairman, will be contacted by Mr. Reeder to see what she is doing---8428 Moraine Ave.

by Marvin Wheeler



**THE
HAMMOND
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
PROUDLY PRESENTS

HAMMOND'S FIRST HISTORICAL TOUR

WHEN? SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 2-4:30 P.M., April 23rd, 1961 (Postponed in case of bad weather)
STARTING (and finishing) Point? Board of Education Building, 5935 Hohman Ave. (at Waltham St.), Hammond, Indiana
HOW? By bus. OR car, following the bus, if you so desire. Furnish your own.
PRICE? 75¢ each
(WARNING: our bus holds but 50 and we will be forced to stop the reservations after the first 50 have come in. Unless we secure at least 90 reservations after that you are on your own. A word to the wise.... register early!)

WHERE? We will leave the Board of Education Building at 2 p.m. promptly, proceeding north on Hohman, viewing a few older homes such as those of Conkey, Betz and Marcus Towle. We will see the original St. Margaret's Hospital; thence downtown, past Drackert's Grove, the old Drackert home, the old Sohl homestead site, the famous 10 acres Caroline Hohman sold for \$1,500 (now valued in the millions!), the \$300 lot that went to \$12,000 two years later, the old Congregational Church where Carrie Nation censured cigarettes, the store that was once owned by Roebuck of Sears and Roebuck, the Tapper general store site and other varied downtown points of interest.

We shall proceed to the site of the old G.H. Hammond Packinghouse "down by the river side", Hammond's first industry, where some old buildings and footings are still in existence. Hammond Public Library, founded by Andrew Carnegie money in 1900.

A scheduled stop will be made at the site where Hammond was originally founded--as near to the Ernst & Caroline Hohman Inn on north Hohman as possible. We hope to have personally present some of the direct descendants of these original founders--the Hohmans, the Hammonds, the Sohls--perhaps we might even dare to hope for a Towle! The site of the old Indiana burial ground at the Calumet River will be indicated.

On to the north, past the old car barns, past the original town of Hammond (to 1900), viewing the old Forsythe homestead site in Robertsdale, the famous Roby Speedway track, our (former) lovely lakefront--perhaps the old pumping station will have a few pillars standing by then. If time permits we'll try to a jaunt past Gibson, the former terminus of the Michigan Central Railroad, the site of the riot of 1919 at the Standard Steel Car Company, and wind up by a pilgrimage through Oak Hill Cemetery to the graves of Ernst & Caroline Hohman, Jacob Drackert, William Sohl and Marcus Towle.

Sound interesting? We want to make it that way. You may bring your friends, children, relatives or neighbors. All are welcome.

AND IF IT RAINS? We'll call it off to the nearest nice Sunday after that. (Your 75¢ will be safe.)

USE THIS RESERVATION BLANK -- GET IT IN EARLY!

Mrs. Marguerite Cook, Treasurer, Hammond Historical Society
479 State St., c/o Hoosier State Bank (Phone WE1-1212)
Hammond, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Cook: I enclose _____ for _____ reservations for the Tour at 75¢ each of the Historical Society on April 23rd and am marking my calendar now. I understand we start at 2 p.m. at 5935 Hohman Ave. and that it will be postponed in case of bad weather.

Name _____

Address _____

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Edward Hayward, Marguerite Cook, John Wilhelm, Marvin Wheeler, George Nelson, Arthur Weiss and Warren A. Reeder, Jr.

May 10, 1961

First, let us bring to your attention our final meeting of the current season. This will be held on Thursday, May 18th, 1961, in Room 224 of Hammond Technical High School, Sohl and Carroll Streets in central Hammond, at 7:30 p.m. This is our annual meeting and our nominating committee will present the new slate of officers and directors for the ensuing year. Our main speaker of the evening will provide one of the most stimulating speeches, full of humor and historical fact, that it has ever been your privilege to hear. Mr. Hubert Hawkins, Executive Secretary of our State Historical Society, will tell us of "JOHN HUNT MORGAN'S RAID INTO INDIANA DURING THE CIVIL WAR." Few Indiana residents are aware of this famous raid and it has been made doubly interesting by virtue of Mr. Hawkins' 35-mm. slide pictures, which he will show as he explains this raid drama. As one who has been over the trail of the raid and who has also heard Mr. Hawkins speak on it before, it will be an outstanding event in your life. The Civil War is all the rage right now and if you want to invite a youngster to get interested in this episode of our American History, feel free to do so. General Morgan was known as "The King of the Horse Thieves" amongst those who had lost theirs and Mr. Hawkins will keep you on the edge of your seat as he explains this raid that struck terror to Hoosierland and scared the tar out of our Governor, Oliver P. Morton.

NO ADMISSION CHARGE - Remember!

This is the pitch and we do hope we have such a crowd that some will have to be turned away from the doors. (And with apologies to you, Norris Coombs, for stealing your headline idea.)

Speaking of crowds, our bus tour gave us an overflow crowd that frankly we hadn't expected at all. We should have known better, but on Thursday all the reservations were gone and we did have sense enough to stop anymore, although we carelessly told one or two that it would be "satisfactory to drive along behind the bus." If there had not been over two, this might have worked out, but when the jam-packed bus swung out into Hohman Avenue from the Board of Education building, at least twelve cars fell into line behind us! (And none of us had thought about a nice banner -- "Hammond Historical Society!") We felt sorry for the ones in the cars following, as they missed the choice tid-bits only the bus riders could get.

We stopped at the old Marcus Towle home on Ogden Street and were thrilled when Albert Towle showed up to be with us -- he used to live with Marcus Towle when he was a youngster. "Place looks the same as ever," he marveled. The YWCA was very courteous in extending an invitation to us to visit them when they heard we were on tour, and even provided some very lovely hostesses to escort us through. It was here that we estimated that we had at least 85 individuals in tow. Mr. and Mrs. Merrit Metz of Lowell joined us here.

Through the downtown area, pointing out the high spots of historical importance in Hammond -- the old Tapper general store site, the Drackert home, the two oldest business places in Hammond (Schloer's and Mueller's).

Even our genial bus driver, Mr. Mack, was getting interested by then and began to puff with pride as he realized the tremendous heritage we have in Hammond.

Our 2nd stop was Plummer (Willow Court to you "Moderns") and Morton Court. Here we saw a few disheartening drops of rain but pointed out the center of Hammond's Economic and Social life was contained at this point for at least 35 years. The Michigan Central Railroad depot; the Morton House (later the Carleton Hotel); the G. H. Hammond Packing Company across the street to the north over the M. C. tracks; the various small stores up and down Plummer together with the little cottages of the workers and the more stately residences to the south -- those on State Street, for instance.

Officer Delbert Purkey, our Police Historian, made a personal plea for anyone who knew "the site of the first Marshall's shanty in this area." (Bud, did anyone answer your plea? We believe Mr. Rich, who was accompanying the Girl Scouts, said that he might aid you and we just remembered it -- trace him down for any info.)

John Wilhelm also showed the site of the first professional football team in the World -- right next to the only remaining building of the Packing Company. This was the old Hammond Athletic Association -- or the Clabbys, we forget which. (Mr. Floyd Murray, will you please set the record straight here?)

As we wheeled north onto Hohman Avenue. Mrs. Zimmerman, a daughter of the original Sohls, who was accompanied by our genial Secretary, her granddaughter Marjorie Sohl, pointed confidently at the Indiana Hotel Building and said, "That's where Marcus Towle had his general store." Mrs. Zimmerman is a storehouse of early Hammondiana and is going to give us a private tour shortly, even if she just finds it out when reading this

Vice-President Ed Hayward pointed out the Hammond Main Library Building, which he heads, explaining that it was obtained with Carnegie money back in 1904 (?) and was on the site of Hammond's prominent park -- Central Park. He mentioned the old city hall on the corner, now cozily covered with Hammond's garbage trucks, and some of the older aspects of the area. It was with a twinge of sadness that we passed up this central area, so full of Hammond's history and now doomed to extinction as a veritable slum, with only a short while to go, it would seem. Nobody knew what happened to the Old Civil War cannons, formerly parked in front of the Library.

Our next stop was on north Hohman in the Simplex lot, just north of the River. As most of you know, Ernest and Caroline Hohman settled at this very spot about 110 years ago and from this point Hammond "fanned out." Here a rare treat was in store for us.

The "treat" was two of their grandchildren, whom we had been, not too successfully, concealing up to this point -- Caroline Sibley Hohman and Walter Mott! Their pictures were taken on this historic ground as we briefly explained the matter. We also pointed out the old Indian burial ground site on the south bank of the river. To the river we can no longer point with pride, but we mentioned its former sweet waters and the incredibly good hunting and fishing up to at least 50 years ago. Did we hear mocking laughter then? If so, it can be excused, for we have only the written record to prove it.

Up to the lake front, where we pointed out one of the other former glories of Hammond -- the old lake front park. The old waterworks had just been demolished by the above-mentioned Mr. Murray's corporation, but we parked the bus on the lake front and told of how once this had really been a lovely spot. No one under 30 years of age will believe it, of course, but at least we feel we know the difference between truth and a lie, and we stuck to our story.

To Gibson, with rain now falling in earnest. We told of David Gibson, Joseph Hess and the ending of the Michigan Central Railroad in 1845 at this point. We told the famous story of the older Mr. Muenich abandoning his farm in the environs of Chicago to make his fortune out here -- an impulse move. But abandoning 5 acres at State and Van Buren Streets of Chicago's Loop is something he would not do over again, if he had the chance! And Mrs. Owens in our party, a Muenich, nodded her head sadly at this point.

The rain was blinding and Mr. Mack valiantly headed westward to Oak Hill Cemetery where we poked cautiously on narrow roads searching out the graves of our old settlers. We learned a lesson here -- the next time, we will walk on this pilgrimage, but the dripping rain precluded it at the time. The bus proceeded gingerly, but made it safely.

And thus it was over, 2 hours and 45 minutes worth. We're sorry if you couldn't make it. It might be a good idea for the Society to type up a driving tour with explanations for people who want a worthwhile Sunday driving layout. Perhaps we'll consider this later.

The nominating committee has a few "director" spots open. If you have a suggestion, would you mind calling John Wilhelm at WE. 1-1212? We have a strong slate up for election, but we want some working members to fill the top spots. Let us know!

We also respectfully bring to your attention the enclosed literature on the State Society. Honestly, we don't know of any organization that gives you more for your money than the flood of magazines and books that pour from our State Society. And strictly within the limits of your dues! They must have an angel or something, as you never saw the likes of what you will receive. They are endeavoring to go to a 3,000 membership this year -- will you help them build to it? We belong to about four State Societies but none with the strength of our Hoosier one.

And, we hear of some people -- yet -- who don't know how to join our own modest group, now building toward 100. Just ask us, we have plenty of application forms!

Come on out and join the crowd for the 18th of May meeting -- you'll never regret it!!

Sincerely,

Warren Reeder, President

P. S. Whoops, almost overlooked the fact that we had a "Hammond" on our tour -- Florence Hammond Cleveland. Florence comes from the Thomas Hammond line, who was a brother of the indefatigable George H. Hammond, from whom the town's name stems.

Dear Member:

In the early 1900's the South Shore railroad got into a hassle with the IHB over the crossing at State Line. They simply would not recognize there was a crossing and the poor South Shore was forced to end there, within full sight of the tempting I. C. tracks just across the IHB tracks at the Illinois line

But this problem got solved very neatly and amusingly

At the edge of East Chicago the current changed from 800 volts to 6600 volts. The motorman and the conductor got off as usual and did the necessary adjustments. But the motorman forgot to shut off the controller handle inside the car. They raised the pantagraph and -- horrors -- the car shot off westward for Hammond with no crew.

They hove to, trotting rapidly, huffing and puffing, but it soon went around a curve and out of sight

S-w-oosh! Past Calumet Avenue, which was then poorly used and not too dangerous. Likewise - sw-sh-swish-swoosh and all the side streets clear over to Hohman were passed.

A crowd on the depot platform watched in amazement as the car did not slow down and stop, but shot westward at full speed, over Sheffield Avenue and out of sight around the curve by the old car barns.

And here came the crew, sweating heavily and fearing the worst. Everybody now joined in the chase.

Now, the only 2 inhabitants of the car were two sons of Old Italy, recent immigrants. They had been thoroughly enjoying themselves, but sensed that something was amiss by now

Crash! The car hit the IHB tracks and by some miracle bounced right on over them, remained upright and landed right side up and all set to go, on the Hegewisch and western side of the State line. (This was history in the making, the first South Shore train that ever set foot into Illinois!)

The two immigrants, their faith tottering in the ways of American Railways, now clambered out and headed back for Hammond. About the curve they met the anxious crew, thoroughly out of breath.

Recognizing the conductor, one of them exclaimed, "What's a mat', Joe? You no stoppa Hammond anymore?"

A badly shaken IHB railroad, however, provided the capstone in this climax of errors. How, no doubt their engineers reasoned, did that car get across our tracks -- and with passengers? Their argument was broken about the non-existence of a "crossing."

The gap to the IC tracks was closed and on April 4, 1909, the contractor ran the first train from Hammond through to Kensington. ("Electric Railways of Indiana" -- Bulletin #104, 1961. CER Ass'n. Box 503, Chicago 90. This is a complete history of the South Shore railroad. Especially interesting is the street car fight in East Chicago -- at one time four different companies had four sets of parallel tracks on the main streets.)

Tuesday, April 18, 1961

TO VIEW LANDMARKS

Historical Group Will Tour Hammond

By FRED KRECKER
Times Staff Writer

The church where Carrie Nation censured cigarets, the store once owned by the Roebuck of Sears, Roebuck & Co., site of Hammond's founding, old terminus of the Michigan Central Railroad.

These landmarks and others will be highlighted on the first historical tour of the city Sunday, sponsored by the Hammond Historical Society.

Weather permitting the tour will leave from the Board of Education Building, 5935 Hohman Ave. at 2 p.m., and will end there at 4:30 p.m.

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THE SOCIETY is chartering a bus, or those who want to drive their own autos may follow the bus. Bus fare is 75 cents. Only 50 seats are available, and reservations will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, the society said.

Reservations should be made with Mrs. Marguerite Cook, society treasurer, at the Hoosier State Bank.

"If it rains, we'll call the tour off to the nearest nice Sunday after that. Your 75 cents will be safe," she said.

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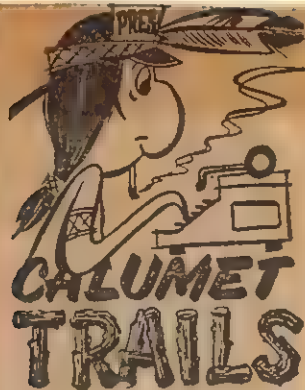
HISTORICAL points on the tour include:

—A few older homes on Hohman avenue such as those of Conkey, Betz and Marcus Towle.

—The original St. Margaret Hospital.

—Drackert's Grove, the old Drackert home, old Sohl homestead site, the famous 10 acres Caroline Hohman sold for \$1,500 (now valued in the millions), the \$300 lot that went to \$12,000 two years later.

—The Congregational church where Carrie Nation censured cigarets, the Tapper general store, site of the G. H. Hammond pack-



Wednesday, May 17, 1961

Hawkins Final Society Speaker

The Hammond Historical Society will hold its final meeting of the current season Thursday in Room 224 of Hammond Technical Vocational High School, 5727 Sohl Ave.

The main speaker of the evening, Hubert Hawkins, executive secretary of the Indiana Historical Society, will deliver a talk on "John Hunt Morgan's Raid into Indiana During the Civil War," illustrated with 35-mm. slides.

The nominating committee also will present the new slate of officers for the coming year, at the meeting.

Friday, May 19, 1961



New President

Edward Hayward, (right) Hammond public librarian, is the new president of the Hammond Historical Society, succeeding Warren Reeder, (left) Hammond realtor. Both are shown with Hubert Hawkins, executive secretary of the In-

diana Historical Society, who spoke at the local group's election meeting. Other officers are Mrs. Henry W. Eggers, Anton Tapper, John Wamsher, Harold Hammond, Parker Singleton Jr., vice presidents; Mrs. Mary Sohl, secretary and Mrs. Margie Peterson, treasurer.

(Herald Times Photo)

MINUTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
THURSDAY, May 18, 1961

The second annual meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 1961 in Room 224 of the Hammond Technical Vocational High School by the president, Mr. Warren Reeder.

A roll call sheet was passed and everyone was urged to sign it if they had not already done so as they entered. It indicated 52 persons present. Mr. Reeder announced that application blanks for membership were available for any at the meeting who wanted them. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Cook read the attached treasurer's report indicating a balance on hand of \$91.00. She presented the question which has arisen of the date until which dues have been paid. This question was passed on to the new Board of Directors for a decision.

Mr. John Wilhelm, the chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers for the coming year:

President	Edward B. Hayward
1st Vice President	Mrs. Henry Eggers
2nd Vice President	Anton Tapper
3rd Vice President	John W. Wamsher
4th Vice President	Harold Hammond
5th Vice President	Palmer Singleton, Jr.
Secretary	Miss Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer	Mrs. Marguerite Cook

DIRECTORS

Term Expiring May, 1962

Mrs. Vincent Bower
Edward Herkey
Elmer Rose
Miss Frances Taylor
Mrs. E. M. Shanklin

Term Expiring May, 1963

Miss Georgia Barnett
Mrs. Henry C. Cleveland
Herman Frishbutter
Delbert L. Purkey
Mrs. M.P. Ludwig

Term Expiring May, 1964

Miss Florence Allman
Mrs. David D. Myers
George Nelson
Arthur J. Weiss
Marvin Wheeler

Term Expiring May, 1965

Miss Caroline Hohman
Edward C. Minas III
Mrs. Mary R. Peters
P. Q. Row
Harry H. Wilson

Mr. Wilhelm moved that these names be placed in nomination and that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for their election. Mr. Delbert Purkey seconded the motion and it was carried. Mr. Edward Hayward, the newly elected president, was called upon for a few words.

Mr. Warren Reeder read the attached report for the year in which he summarized the year's activities and looked to the future with the challenge that one hundred years ago, in 1861, Chicago had the same population that Hammond has today, 112,000. What will 2061 bring forth?

Mr. Reeder introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Hubert Hawkins, who has been the Secretary of the Indiana State Historical Society since 1953. His only fee for speaking at the meeting was to be allowed to make a plea for membership in the state society. Since the society is primarily a publishing house, he mentioned several of the publications planned for the coming years. Then he presented his account accompanied with colored slides of "John Hunt Morgan's Raid into Indiana During the Civil War." In this year of the celebration of the Civil War Centennial, it was a lively account of the five days in July, 1865, that the Civil War touched Indiana soil. At the conclusion of his slides, he answered several questions from the audience and made a plea for the Civil War Centennial Committee which is trying to locate all Civil War manuscripts, diaries or sets of letters to microfilm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Treasurer's Report May 18, 1961

DEPOSITS:

36 Membership Dues from 3/10/60 to 5/31/60	\$ 36.00
77 Membership Dues from 6/1/60 to 5/18/61	231.00
5 Service Membership Dues-6/1/60 to 5/18/61	10.00
	<u>277.00</u>
Bus fares for Tour held 4/23/61	44.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS. \$321.00

EXPENSES:

5/4/60	Filing Fee	\$ 13.00
5/9/60	Record Book & Corporate Seal	17.25
5/13/60	Recorder of Lake County	10.00
8/29/60	Thompson Printing Co.	60.32
8/29/60	Postage	6.00
11/21/60	Postage	4.00
12/7/60	Membership Cards	11.88
2/24/61	Postage	10.00
3/7/61	Lynch Office Equipment	3.90
3/15/61	Multiple Listing Service	29.65
4/7/61	Postage	5.00
4/7/61	Multiple Listing Service	24.00
4/28/61	Check Imprinting	2.25
4/28/61	Postage	3.25
5/3/61	Chicago & Calumet Dist. Transit Co.	22.75
5/8/61	Postage	<u>6.75</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES. 230.00

BALANCE ON HAND, AS OF 5/18/61. \$ 91.00

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Cook

Marguerite Cook, Treasurer

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
May 18, 1961
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Inc.

Members and Friends:-

It is at this time that one must pause to consider the events of the first full-time year of your Society. During the year we held 4 meetings at stated intervals plus one meeting of the Board of Directors. Mr. Arthur Weiss spoke to us on: "Great Hammond Personalities of the 1920's"; Mr. John Wilhelm spoke to us on "This I Remember", likewise embracing the 1920 period. On April 23rd of this year we held an Historical Tour on a Sunday afternoon, ~~the~~ attendance exceeding our expectations by far. It is interesting to note that our bus and the cars following contained a descendant of every famous early Hammond resident that we could name.

It seems banal to announce that we must crawl before we walk. Probably the thing most heard by your president during the year were the words: "We ought to do this -- or that". And the simple reason we do not is -- lack of personnel and money. We have seen a growth in the membership and I trust we shall double it in the year to come.

We do hope that we have sown the seeds of pride in the breasts of some -- pride in Hammond and its magnificent past, so that they can say with joy anywhere in this land of ours "I'm from Hammond, Indiana" and not have someone ask "Where's that?" We believe in the future of our city and it is strongly based on the past. Your Society is a keeper of that past.

Our file has been started. Your records Committee, consisting of Edward Hayward and Marjorie Sohl, have laid out a plan for keeping the records, and we have been blessed with several acquisitions. I might mention a splendid set of photographs from Mrs. Karl Griffin of Evansville, Wisconsin, old newspapers from several sources and one of our former mayors has written a biography for us. This latter project is one item that we challenge the incoming Administration to follow through on.

Now that we have found we have a Society and can manage one, we also place down the challenge of objectives for the Society -- immediate and long range.

Every president of an organization likes a working membership and I trust you as members will cooperate with the incoming Administration as you did with me. A word of thanks is due Miss Sohl, our secretary and Mrs. Cook, our treasurer, for their detailed labors. A special word of thanks to Mr. Hayward for some of his extra-curricular activities also.

In 1861 the population of Chicago was 112,000. By a peculiar coincidence, the city of Hammond has reached that peak 100 years later. We are Hammondites and Hoosierites — who knows what 2061 may bring forth?

Warren A. Reeder, President

Attendance, May 18, 1961.

Georgia Barnett
Florence Hoblitzel
Marguerite Cook
Mrs. Vincent Bower
Mrs. M. P. Ludwig
Mrs. E. M. Shanklin
Annah Emery
Caroline Hohman
Florence Cleveland
Edward B. Hayward
Thomas E. Rich
Elmer Rose
Henry O. Reissig
Delbert L. Purkey
Roland M. Clarke
Audra Blunt
Susan Mulligan
Terry McGough
Palmer Singleton, Jr.
Jean Wilson
H. H. Wilson
Jim Sherby
Robert Sherby
Mrs. Lois M. Sherby
Mrs. William Sohl
Mr. Norman Allen
Mrs. Norman Allen
Marjorie Sohl
Warren Reeder
John Wilhelm
Mrs. John Wilhelm
George Nelson
Ruth I Andersen
Marvin Wheeler
Mrs. Marvin Wheeler
Corene J. Porter
Dr. P. Q. Row
Mrs. P. Q. Row
Dr. Henry W. Eggers
Mrs. Henry W. Eggers
Frances Taylor
Olive S. Byers
Edith L. Burhans
Mary C. Burhans

WASHINGTON SCHOOL CLASS

Robbie Austgen
Jack Koransky
Tina Scott
Pam Whitton
M. Brandt

EDISON SCHOOL CLASS - MRS. WHITMAN

Joe Nicksic
Michael Metrick
Stanley Wolucka

2434 Martha Street, Hammond
434 Waltham Street, Hammond
911 - 176th Street, Hammond
517 - 165th Street, Hammond
30 Mason Street, Hammond
54 Ruth Street, Hammond
21 Ruth Street, Hammond
54 Ruth Street, Hammond
640 - 165th Street, Hammond
6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
6918 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
7216 Maplewood Avenue, Hammond
9 Adelaide Place, Munster
7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
529 Highland Street, Hammond
6930 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
258 Oakwood Street, Hammond
4 - 172nd Street, Hammond
11- 172nd Place, Hammond
8229 Park View Avenue, Munster
8229 Park View Avenue, Munster
6919 Ridgeland Avenue, Hammond
6919 Ridgeland Avenue, Hammond
6919 Ridgeland Avenue, Hammond
6935 Ridgeland Avenue, Hammond
7051 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Hammond
7051 Knickerbocker Pkwy, Hammond
5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
245 - 169th Street, Hammond
6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
3431 - 41st Street, Highland

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Tuesday, June 20, 1961

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order by the president, Edward Hayward, at the Harrison Park Branch library on Tuesday, June 20, 1961 at 7:45 p.m. A roll call sheet was passed indicating twelve members present.

A review of the current projects brought forth the following progress reports:

1. Biographies and autobiographies of former mayors.
One has been turned in so far--that of Vernon Anderson. Mr. Wilhelm has talked to Mayor Dowling and Bert Smith with a promise from each that they will do it. He has not yet asked Mr. Schonert. Mrs. Mary Peters reported that when she worked at the city hall, an attempt was made to record information on all the mayors since Pat Reilly. She agreed to try to trace this record. Mr. Wilhelm agreed to continue work on this by asking relatives and friends of former mayors to record their reminiscences of them.
2. Brief history and chronology of Hammond for use in schools.
Mr. Hayward reported that the committee of Marvin Wheeler, Marjorie Sohl and himself had met and each assumed areas to work on individually before they would meet again soon. Mr. H. H. Wilson suggested that we develop a set of slides of early Hammond to present in the schools civics classes. Mr. Hayward reported that Elmer Rose with the Hammond Chamber of Commerce is working on such a set of slides as well as Warren Reeder's slides of the more current Hammond. Mr. Reeder wants help in developing 35mm slides from old pictures and photographs. He was referred to Marvin Wheeler for help on this project.
3. Microfilming of church bulletins and histories.
Mr. Wilhelm reported that a letter will soon go out to all churches contacted last year to save bulletins asking them now to turn them in by a deadline date this summer so that student help may be used to microfilm them.
4. History of the Hammond Police Department.
Mr. Hayward reported for Mr. Purkey that progress was being made on this project and that he would continue to work on it.
5. Preservation and cataloging of materials.
Mr. Hayward reported that the library has loaned the society a two drawer file in which all materials donated so far have been collected and as more come in they will be organized according to the suggested plan.
6. Recording of the soon-to-be-destroyed Court House.
Mr. Hayward agreed to ask Elmer Rose of the Chamber of Commerce to be responsible for recording the progress of the destruction of the building and the contents of the corner

stone. Mr. Wilhelm suggested we consider having a professional photographer record the picture of the building and each of the court rooms with its judge. It was suggested that Roy Hall of the Hammond Times be contacted and perhaps this could be done in conjunction with the Hammond Times for some publicity for the society to show we are interested in recording history and were actively doing something about it.

7. Collection of high school yearbooks.

Since the high schools keep a file of their yearbooks, it was suggested that the society compile a bibliography of what yearbooks are available at each of the schools and let them know that we are interested in the preservation of them. From the list of copies missing at the schools, an effort will be made to locate copies to complete the file or at least know where they can be obtained to use. The following volunteered to make such a list at each of the schools:

Hammond High School - Mrs. Vincent Bower

Hammond Tech - H. H. Wilson

George Rogers Clark - H. H. Wilson

Oliver P. Morton - George Nelson

Bishop Noll - H. H. Wilson

8. Student picture or essay contest to interest students in the society.

At the suggestion to conduct an essay contest through the schools, Mr. Wilson of Tech said that teachers are plagued with essay contests of all kinds. He suggested that an assembly program of slides be prepared and be followed with an essay based on the program. Mr. Wilhelm suggested we get the young people to record their observations of things going on now--to record the flavor and color of life today or to record the changes that have taken place in their own lifetime.

9. History of our parks.

Georgia Barnett suggested that the story of our parks and our planned recreation programs needed to be recorded. This was noted to be included in the brief history of Hammond being prepared.

The question of membership dues which was referred to the Board at the annual meeting was reviewed. A reading of the by-laws clarified that dues correspond with the fiscal year of June 1 to May 31. New members joining pay dues for 1 year. When their anniversary date occurs, they will be billed for dues for one year plus a quarterly pro-rating to get them on the next fiscal year basis. Dues reminders will be sent out soon to all whose dues became due on June 1.

Program plans for the coming year included the following suggestions:

1. Hold four meetings a year, including the annual meeting in May.

2. Schedule the first meeting for Thursday, October 5 at Harrison Park Branch.
3. Each person attending this meeting should bring a memento of Hammond to show and talk about.
4. Develop the theme Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow for the October meeting with possible representatives from such organizations as YWCA, or Woman's club with representatives of charter members, current members, youth members.
5. Schedule the second meeting for Tuesday, January 30 at Hammond Tech with an all star cast program presented by Mrs. Ludwig, Mrs. Shanklin, Mrs. Bower and Mrs. Peters each giving a report on story of some chapter or phase of her life.

The means of communication to keep our members informed was discussed briefly and agreed to continue the use of the letter from the president at least three or four times a year. The current meeting will be reported to the membership in such a letter. Mr. Wilhelm suggested these letters also contain short antidotes and incidents reported by individual members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. and a few interesting pieces of materials brought to the meeting by members were examined in an informal hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Secretary

Attendance, June 20, 1961.

Georgia Barnett
Mrs. M. P. Ludwig
Mrs. E. M. Shanklin
Mrs. Vincent Bower
Mrs. Mary R. Peters
Marguerite Cook
George H. Nelson
Warren A. Reeder, Jr.
John F. Wilhelm
H. H. Wilson
Edward B. Hayward
Marjorie Sohl

MINUTES OF THE HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Thursday, October 26, 1961

The meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 1961 at the Harrison Park Branch Library by the president, Mr. Edward Hayward.

The program was presented first for the convenience of some speakers. The theme of the program was Hammond Organizations, Past and Present. Starting with the youngest community-wide organization, Edward Minas III presented a history of the organization and activities at present and planned for the future of the Y.M.C.A. Mrs. Lucille Fry next spoke on the sister organization, the Y.W.C.A., which will be 30 years old next Sunday, Oct. 29, and which is now in the midst of a building campaign. Mrs. Jodie Alyea spoke on the Hammond Intermediate Woman's Club, a six year old organization of former members of the Hammond Junior Woman's Club. Mrs. Edward Hess reported on the parent organization, the Hammond Woman's Club, which is 65 years old this week. Each speaker was asked to turn in a copy of the paper presented so that it may become a part of the permanent record of the organization.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Marguerite Cook presented the accompanying treasurer's report indicating a balance on hand of \$150.60. Members were reminded that membership applications are available at this meeting and at any time from officers and members.

Mr. Hayward made progress reports on some of the activity projects. He reported that the microfilm copies of the Lake County News from 1895 to 1914 have been received at the Hammond Public Library and presented a few news items from 1893 to give the flavor of the times. Mr. H.H. Wilson and Mr. George Nelson turned in reports of the files of yearbooks held at each of the high schools. Pictures of the Minas Family were reported received after being reproduced by Warren Reeder. Delbert Purkey presented an old map of Hammond.

Mr. Hayward announced the next meeting will be held at the Hammond Technical Vocational High School, Room 224 on Jan. 30, 1962.

Mr. John Wilhelm urged the members to start writing their own stories soon. He suggested each member should set a deadline date to urge himself on. He urged a membership drive to increase our present membership to 500 this year, suggesting everyone here tonight become members and encourage others to do so. Periodic news letters will include renewal notices to present members. Mr. Wilhelm suggested a committee be appointed to get on marking the location of the first home in Hammond, north of the Hohman Avenue bridge.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. and members examined the materials on display which had been presented to the organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sahl
Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Treasurer's Report
October 26th, 1961

BALANCE ON HAND as of May 17th, 1961 \$ 91.00

DEPOSITS:

33 Individual Memberships	\$99.00	
2 Service Memberships	<u>4.00</u>	<u>103.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$194.00

EXPENSES:

6/26/61 Hammond Postmaster (postage)	\$10.00	
7/27/61 Max Pearson (pictures)	6.00	
8/11/61 Multiple Listing Service(printing) . . .	<u>27.40</u>	<u>43.40</u>

BALANCE ON HAND as of October 26th, 1961 \$150.60

*Respectfully Submitted,
Marguerite Cook, Treas.*

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ATTENDANCE October 26, 1961

NAME	ADDRESS
Marvin Wheeler	921 - 173rd Street, Hammond
George H. Nelson	3431 - 41st Street, Highland
Gladys Hess	6341 Moraine Avenue, Hammond
Florence E. Cleveland	640 - 165th Street, Hammond
Gertrude T. B awer	4618 Towle Avenue, Hammond
Edward C. Minas, III	7224 Baring Avenue, Hammond
Lucille W. Fry	YWCA
Edwin G. Fry	7147 Meadow Lane, Hammond
Marguerite Cook	911 - 176th Street, Hammond
Helen Kraig	7960 Belmont Avenue, Hammond
Jodie Alyea	8132 Euclid Avenue, Munster
Mae Jones	7141 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Jean Wilson	8229 Park View Avenue, Munster
H.H. Wilson	8229 Park View Avenue, Munster
Corene Porter	845 Hoffman Street, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Ethel Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Delbert F. Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Minnie Taitt	8016 Hohman Avenue, Munster
Mary R. Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Georgia Barnett	2434 Martha Street, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

y, January 29, 1962

Fire of 1901 To Be Recalled At Meeting

The Hammond Historical Society will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hammond Technical High School. Three long time Hammond residents, Mrs. Vincent Bower, Mrs. Mary R. Peters, and Mrs. M. P. Ludwig will tell of their recollections of events and outstanding personalities in Hammond in the early part of this century.

Mrs. Bower is the daughter of former Hammond Mayor, Armanis Knotts, who was influential in attracting new industry to Hammond after the disastrous fire which destroyed the G. H. Hammond meat packing plant in 1901. The fire itself and a description of Hammond at that time will be given by Mrs. Peters who lived nearby and was an eye witness. Mrs. Ludwig was for many years a secretary in the office of the Lake County Times with which her husband was associated as a reporter.

The meeting will be open to the public.

Tuesday---January 30, 1962

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Edward Hayward at seven-thirty. Mr. Hayward announced the secretary, Miss Marjory Sohl was in St. Margaret's hospital, recovering from an operation and he had asked Georgia Barnett to act as secretary in her absence. The minutes of the October, 1961 meeting were read & corrections or additions called for.

It was suggest that the names of William Hill and of Thomas Hammond be included in the minutes where mention had been made of the collection of pictures of the Minas family that had been given to the Society for preservation in the achives.

Mr. Hayward announced that Mrs. Cook would not be able to be present but in her stead Mr. Wilhelm would accept dues or answer any questions in regards to membership.

A letter had been received from the Department of Monuments expressing gratitude for help in establishing the definite location of a marker out on Ridge Road, of an early tavern used by travelers en route to Chicago.

An announcement was also made of an offer from Miss Edith Burhans, who was not able to be present, of Hammond Year Books. It was suggested by Mr. Warren Reeder, that a list of the missing vols. be secured and published in the next News Bulletin, thus aiding in obtaining these important records, to the files.

The members taking part in the evening's program were presented by Mr. Hayward in the order that they appeared.

First--Mrs. Mary Peters, long time resident of Hammond and an eye-witness of the great packing house fire, in 1901.

Second--Mrs. Dolly Bauer, daughter of a former mayor of Hammond.

Third--Mrs. Matt Ludwig, whose husband was a reporter on one of the town's early newspapers.

The reminiscences of the ladies, each covering a different facet of the early days as they remembered them were taped by Mr. Reeder and will remain a permanent record to be enjoyed again at some future meeting of the Society. Each speaker included pictures to add to the interest of the events of the past.

The death of Mrs. Shanklin, in Seattle Washington, in December was also announced.

Mr. Hayward announced that another tour of Hammond was being planned for the spring. Any suggestions as to where we might go would be appreciated.

The Annual Spring meeting would be in May. The News Letter will give the scheduled date.

Acknowledgement was also made of our indebtedness to Mr. Wilson for the use of the room in Tech. High School.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ATTENDANCE January 30, 1962

Edward B. Hayward
E. C. Minas, Jr.
Adelaide Hill Minas
George H. Nelson
Marvin Wheeler
Ethel Wilhelm
John F. Wilhelm
Warren A. Reeder, Jr.
Gurdon C. Evans
Elmer Rose
Jean Wilson
H. H. Wilson
Florence Cleveland
Caroline Hohman
Delbert F. Purkey
Constance E. Purkey
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Sherby
Corene J. Porter
Georgia Barnett

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Treasurer's Report
January 30, 1962

BALANCE ON HAND as of October 26th, 1961. \$150.60

DEPOSITS:

11 Individual Memberships	\$33.00	
1 Service Membership	<u>2.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		\$185.60

EXPENSES:

1/24/62 Secretary of State (Filing Fee)	<u>1.00</u>
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BALANCE ON HAND as of January 30th, 1962 \$184.60

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Cook
Marguerite Cook, Treasurer

Meeting of officers and directors of the Hammond Historical Society met in Mr. Reeder's office on Wednesday evening, May 16th with eight members present, including Mr. Hayward, Mr. Reeder, Mrs. Marguerite Cook, Mrs. Vincent Bower, Mrs. M. Ludwig, Mr. George Nelson, Miss Caroline Hohman and Mrs. David Myers.

The president, Mr. Hayward called attention to the fact that according to our by-laws, a meeting of officers and directors should precede the annual meeting scheduled for May 22.

Motion was made by Mr. Reeder and seconded by Mr. Nelson that Miss Mildred Peehl, Miss Frances Taylor, Mrs. Ruth Whitman, Mrs. Vincent Bower and Mr. Elmer Rose serve as directors with term expiring in 1966. Mr. Reeder moved that the following persons serve as officers for the following year:

1st Vice President - George Nelson
2nd Vice President - Anton Tapper
3rd Vice President - Mrs. Henry Eggers
4th Vice President - Harold Hammond
5th Vice President - Palmer Singleton, Jr.
Secretary - Miss Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer - Mrs. Marguerite Cook

Seconded by Mrs. Bower.

Mr. Reeder offered to contact Mr. E.C. Minas, Jr. as to his willingness to serve as President.

Mr. Reeder moved that Mr. Melvin Zachau replace Mr. George Nelson as director for term expiring May, 1964.

Seconded by Caroline Hohman

Motion was made and seconded that Dr. G. P. Claussius be given the sum of \$15.00 for his gracious acceptance to speak at the annual dinner meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Cook.

Adjourned.

Clara Louise Myers acting for Marjorie Sohl

Friday, May 25, 1962

Historical Group Meets Tuesday 5/17/62

The annual meeting of the Hammond Historical Society will be held Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. in the social room of the Immanuel United Church of Christ, 712 Sibley St. Dinner will be served by the Women's Circle of the church.

Principal speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Gerhard P. Clausius of Belvidere, Ill., who is currently president of the Chicago Civil War Round Table. His topic will be "The Story of Albert D. J. Cashier." This is a story based on original research into local history of the Civil War period and has a surprise ending.

The Immanuel United Church of Christ was founded in 1890. The Rev. Paul Schaeffer, who has been pastor since 1936, will speak to the society on the history of this church, one of Hammond's oldest churches in continuous residence at one location. A new addition which will increase the educational facilities of the church is now under construction.

This will be the third annual meeting and election of officers of the society. Edward B. Hayward, outgoing president, will report on the events of the society's year.

Mrs. Bower Named Head of Hammond Historical Society

Mrs. Vincent Bower of 517 165th St., Hammond was elected president of the Hammond Historical Society at the society's third annual meeting held in the social room of the Hammond United Church of Christ.

Mrs. Bower is the former Dolly Knotts, daughter of Armanis T. Knotts, mayor of Hammond from 1902 to 1904.

Elected vice-president was George Nelson, teacher of history and social studies at Morton High School. Anton Tapper, Mrs. Henry Eggers, Harold Hammond and Palmer Singleton, Jr. were elected to the other executive offices. Miss Marjorie Sohl was re-elected secretary and Mrs. William J. Cook was named treasurer.

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NEWLY ELECTED to serve on the board of directors were Ed-

ward C. Minas Jr., Miss Mildred Peehl, Elmer Rose, Miss Frances Taylor and Mrs. Ruth B. Whitman.

Principal speaker at the dinner meeting was Dr. Gerhard P. Clausius, president of the Chicago Civil War Round Table. The Rev. Paul Schaeffer, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church spoke on the history of this church which was founded by eight Hammond families before 1890.

The Hammond Historical Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization devoted to the preservation and dissemination of information of a wider acquaintance and closer relationship among members of this community. Membership is open to all persons who wish to participate in these endeavors.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Tuesday, May 22, 1962

The third annual meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was held as a dinner meeting at the Immanuel United Church of Christ, 700 Sibley Street, Hammond, on Tuesday, May 22, 1962. Dinner was served at 6:45 p.m. with 43 members attending.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the president, Edward B. Hayward. Members and guests at the head table were introduced. Minutes of the last meeting were omitted by agreement. The attached treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Marguerite Cook showing a balance on hand of \$267.53. Attention was called to the membership blanks on the tables and members were reminded that annual dues are now due with the start of a new year.

The secretary, Marjorie Sohl, read the following report of the nominating committee for officers and directors for the year 1962-1963:

President	Mrs. Vincent Bower
1st Vice President	George Nelson
2nd Vice President	Anton Tapper
3rd Vice President	Mrs. Henry Eggers
4th Vice President	Harold Hammond
5th Vice President	Palmer Singleton, Jr.
Secretary	Miss Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer	Mrs. Marguerite Cook

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E. Clarence Minas
Mildred Peehl
Elmer Rose
Frances Taylor
Mrs. Ruth B. Whitman

On a motion by Florence Allman, seconded by Georgia Barnett, the report was accepted and the officers declared elected.

Mr. Hayward read the attached report of the president, summarizing the past year's activities.

Rev. Paul Schaeffer, minister of the church in which we held our meeting, spoke briefly on the history of the church. The early church records are fragmentary and all written in German. The church was incorporated October 15, 1890, with Rev. Peter Weil the first pastor. The names of the eight charter member families are W. Evers, William Kahl, Prange, Carl Lindner, Henrich Elster, William Kuhn, and Frank Peschke. In the first two years of its existence, the church met in four different locations: 1. a log cabin at Hohman Avenue and the Calumet River; 2. Borchert's Hall at Sohl and State; 3. 627 State Street in a residence; 4. Frame church on the west half of the present church property. In 1909 the present brick church was built; in 1924 the frame church was torn down and the present social hall was built; and in 1920 the parsonage was erected. In 1961 the parsonage was torn down and the present addition of an educational building was started, as well as

Rudolph Blum

property on Kane Street behind the church was acquired for parking area. In the 72 years of the church's existence, ten pastors have served it. The last 43 years of those have been served by Schaeffers, with Rev. Carl coming in 1919 and Rev. Paul in 1935.

Warren Reeder introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Gerhard P. Clausius, of Belvedere, Illinois, president of the Chicago Civil War Round Table and active in the Boone County Historical Society. In an effort to encourage members of this society to follow their interests and inclinations to do original research in some phase of local history, he related the story of Albert D. J. Cashier, the Little Soldier of the 95th, a Civil War veteran. He was first interested in Cashier through a patient of his and then followed his story through war records of the Adjutant General, newspapers, court records, and cemetery records. The story had a surprise ending when Albert Cashier turned out to be a woman, Jennie Rodgers, who guarded her secret all through her very active war years. Dr. Clausius used this story to show how anyone can do research in history and get real pleasure from it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Treasurer's Annual Report
May 22, 1962

BALANCE on Hand, 5/17/61 \$ 91.00

DEPOSITS:

57 Individual Memberships, 5/19/61 to 5/21/62 . . .	\$171.00	
4 Service Memberships, 5/19/61 to 5/21/62 . . .	8.00	
67 Bus Tour Fares, 5/6/62	33.50	
33 Dinner Reservations, 5/22/62	<u>74.25</u>	
Total Deposits	\$286.75	<u>286.75</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		\$377.75

EXPENSES:

6/26/61 Hammond Postmaster (Postage)	\$ 10.00	
7/27/61 Max Pearson (Pictures)	6.00	
8/11/61 Multiple Listing Service.	27.40	
1/24/62 Secretary of State (Filing Fee).	1.00	
4/16/62 Ed Hayward (Postage)	10.00	
" " (Stickers)	1.95	
" " (Envelopes)	4.19	
5/4/62 Multiple Listing Service	10.08	
" Chicago & Calumet Dist. Transit Co., Inc.	<u>39.60</u>	
Total Expenses	\$110.22	<u>110.22</u>

BALANCE on Hand, 5/21/62 \$267.53

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Cook

Marguerite Cook, Treasurer

Address of the President of the Hammond Historical
Society at the Annual Meeting, May 22, 1962

Our Society has now come to the end of its second full year, yet I am sure there are many avenues we have not found the time, the imagination, nor the man and woman power to even begin to explore. At our first Board of Directors meeting shortly after our last annual conclave a whole list of projects and programs was drawn up. Most of these, I am sorry to report, are still pending and will now have to be passed on for the consideration of the new administration.

But for tonight let us consider some of the events which did take place within the Society during the year. For our second historical bus tour on Sunday, May 6th we were blessed with a perfect, cool, sunny afternoon. With two busses comfortably full we spent two and a half hours visiting the places and learning about the history of our interesting city. Warren Reeder, Caroline Hohman, John Agnew, Dolly Knotts Bower, Delbert Purkey, and Mrs. Roscoe Woods are some of the persons who contributed to making this tour so enjoyable and informative.

On an icy evening in January, three of our more spiritually youthful members gave those of us who braved the cold and snow a lively picture of the events and personalities in Hammond around the turn of the century. Mrs. Bower, Mrs. Peters, and Mrs. Ludwig each gave their individual reminiscences of the memorable events of the times just before and after the great fire which so altered the course of Hammond's history.

At the first meeting of the year, histories of several Hammond organizations were presented and as a result we now have in our files papers on the history of the Hammond Womans Club, the YWCA, and the YMCA.

Several donations of pictures, pamphlets, and books have been made to the Society during the year. Mr. Reeder passed on a collection of pictures, an illustrated article on Edward Fitzgerald, the millionaire newsboy, and a history of the Hammond Board of Realtors. Mr. Purkey contributed pictures, maps, and documents from early city administrations. Mrs. Gehrke sent us pictures of the beginning of Whiting and Robertsedale. I suggest that some meeting soon be devoted simply to looking over these pictures and identifying on the back of each one as many people, places, and events depicted as possible. Mr. Harry Wilson corresponded with other high school officials and provided the Society with a record of their holdings of the various high school yearbooks.

I would like at this time to acknowledge a debt of gratitude, first to Warren Reeder who has been primarily responsible for anything accomplished this year, to Marguerite Cook who keeps all the records and reservations straight, to Marjorie Sohl who keeps such good and complete minutes, to Fern Arnold who extricates me from whatever commitments I rashly make,

and to many other members who have helped out during the year.
If the numbers of these people can be added to from year to
year I am sure we need not fear for its ~~continued~~ growth. I
hope I may be counted among these even though my official
term of office is now ended.

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the
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Historical
Society*

Edward B. Hayward,

President

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ATTENDANCE, May 22, 1962

NAME	ADDRESS
Warren A. Reeder	245 - 160th Street, Hammond
G. P. Clausius	Belvedere, Illinois
Mrs. G. P. Clausius	Belvidere, Illinois
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. E. B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Rev. Paul Schaeffer	319 Merrill Street, Calumet City, Ill.
Mrs. Paul Schaeffer	319 Merrill Street, Calumet City, Ill.
Georgia Barnett	2434 Martha Street, Hammond
Mrs. David D. Myers	46 Ruth Street, Hammond
Alice G. Fuzy	6555 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Mrs. John McNeill	442 Waltham Street, Hammond
Mrs. Mary Ruschlie Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Mrs. Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Blvd. Hammond
Miss Charlotte Kasten	317 Sunnyside Avenue, Munster
Mrs. Marian G. Lewis	6934 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. M. P. Ludwig	30 Mason Street, Hammond
Edith L. Burhans	5937 Park Place, Hammond
Ethel Peacock	5946 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mary C. Burhans	5937 Park Place, Hammond
Lida M. Owen	440 Highland Street, Hammond
Lulu B. Lasater	222 Ogden Street, Hammond
Marguerite Cook	911 - 176th Street, Hammond
Mrs. Margaret Rauer	6246 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Mattie Reeder	7507 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. E. Muhlstadt	830 Eaton Street, Hammond
George H. Nelson	3431 - 41st Street, Highland
Mrs. George H. Nelson	3431 - 41st Street, Highland
Marvin Wheeler	921 - 173rd Street, Hammond
Mrs. Marvin Wheeler	921 - 173rd Street, Hammond
Mrs. Ethel Seitz	8416 Kraay Avenue, Munster
Fern Arnold	4849 Oak Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Florence E. Cleveland	640 - 165th Street, Hammond
Mrs. George Knoezer	6210 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Bertha Kleehege	3933 Park Place, Apt. 1, Hammond
Katherine Emery	21 Ruth Street, Hammond
Annah Emery	21 Ruth Street, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	54 Ruth Street, Hammond
Florence Allman	239 - 169th Street, Hammond
Mrs. R. Weyhmueller	4839 Linden Avenue, Hammond
Fred DeBoe, Jr.	250 - 169th Street, Hammond
Rocky Reeder	245 - 169th Street, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Tuesday, July 24, 1962.

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order by the president, Mrs. Vincent Bower, at the Harrison Park Branch Library on Tuesday, July 24, 1962, at 7:15 p.m. A roll call sheet was passed indicating ten members present.

A call for program ideas brought forth the following:

1. Mr. Wilhelm suggested a snap shot contest, offering small prizes and conducted primarily through the schools to interest younger members and to record current history. It was suggested we ask for a picture of each baseball league with the names recorded on the back and that we list at least ten historical places that we want photographed. It was felt a committee should be named of people interested in photography or with school contacts to organize and promote such a contest.
2. Obtain Dean Mitchell as a speaker to present a history of the Northern Indiana Public Service Company. This might also be a contact for getting some NIPSCO people as members.
3. Ask Father Jansen to present a history of St. Joseph's Church.
4. Organize a panel of members from old families to present their reminiscences as: Kate Emery to present a history of the Conkey plant; Mrs. Irving Betz to present a history of the Betz Company; Anna Emery to present a history of the schools; Mrs. Lawrence Bieker to present a history of Stahlman's Corners; and Mrs. DeVerle O'Dowd to present a history of the Reilly family.

From these suggested programs, a tentative schedule of meetings for the year was set as follows:

October 23, 1962 - Father Jansen

January 22, 1963 - Panel of representatives of old Hammond families. Possibly display pictures from the photo contest, if any results by then.

March 19, 1963 - Dean Mitchell.

May, 1963 - Annual meeting - Plan for a dinner meeting with a possible speaker, a man from the Chicago Civil War Roundtable whom Mr. Wilhelm could contact.

It was suggested these dates be reserved at Tech for a meeting place as soon as confirmation of speakers is obtained.

In a general discussion of what we might do to help promote the society and bring it to the attention of prospective members, the following suggestions were made:

1. Use a telephone committee to make a personal contact with members and prospective members just before a meeting.

2. Make a greater effort to obtain newspaper publicity by having someone from the paper attend the meetings to write them up.
3. Have a regular publication to keep members posted on activities and projects and to record antidotes and stories of Hammond people. Mr. Wilhelm reported that he and Mr. Reeder hoped to write several such newsletters during the year. He also reported that they are planning to try to interview and record on tape their conversations with Hammond personalities who have a story to tell. They would welcome suggestions and help in arranging such interviews.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Secretary.

Attendance, July 24, 1962

Marguerite Cook
Caroline Hohman
Ruth Whitman
John F. Wilhelm
E. C. Minas, Jr.
Florence Cleveland
Georgia Barnett
Dollie K. Bower
Mary L. Peters
Marjorie Sohl

MINUTES OF THE HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Tuesday, October 23, 1962

The meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 1962 at Hammond Technical High School by the president, Mrs. Vincent Bower.

A roll call sheet was circulated indicating 26 members present. Mrs. Bower introduced the telephone committee which had been active in calling as many members as possible to notify them of the meeting. Minutes of the annual meeting in May and the Board of Directors meeting in July were read and accepted. The attached treasurers report was presented by Mrs. Cook indicating a balance on hand of \$238.03.

Mr. Wilhelm reviewed the rules for the camera contest which had been mailed out to members. \$200 is being offered in prizes. All entries are due by January 15, 1963. Judges were announced to be Mr. Pickard from the Gary Historical Society, Mr. McMunn from the Hammond Historical Society, and a representative from the Chamber of Commerce to be named.

All past presidents were attending and were asked to stand. The membership committee encouraged members to carry brochures and membership application forms with them all the time to encourage people to join the organization. The next meeting was announced for Jan. 22, 1963 with Dean Mitchell of Northern Indiana Public Service Company as the speaker.

Mrs. Bower introduced the speaker for the evening, Monsignor Jansen from St. Joseph's Church. Father Jansen presented a history of the development of the Catholic Church in this area as well as a personal history of his 88 years, emphasizing the last 35 years that he has been at St. Joseph's. Part of the success of his ministry is measured in the physical and spiritual growth of St. Joseph's Church during these years. Father Jansen closed by showing some of his pen and ink drawings of fall leaves and his hand decorated book of family genealogy.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Treasurer's Report
October 23, 1962

Balance on Hand, 5/21/62 \$267.53

DEPOSITS:

27 Memberships 5/23/62-10/19/62	\$ 81.00	
6 Dinners 5/22/62 @ \$2.25	<u>13.50</u>	<u>94.50</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$362.03

EXPENSES:

5/22/62 Dr. G. B. Claussius	\$ 15.00	
5/22/62 Mrs. Willetta Radle (Dinners)	99.00	
9/28/62 Mrs. Vincent Bower for postage	<u>10.00</u>	<u>124.00</u>

BALANCE on Hand, 10/23/62 \$238.03

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Cook
Marguerite Cook, Treasurer

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ATTENDANCE - October 23, 1962

NAMEADDRESS

Mrs. Frank A. Schilling	246 Conkey Street, Hammond
Mrs. L. L. Caldwell	6225 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Marguerite Cook	911 - 176th Street, Hammond
Father Jansen	5304 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	54 Ruth Street, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	640 - 165th Street, Hammond
Florence Allman	239 - 169th Street, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	6904 Olcott Street, Hammond
Mary R. Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Edith L. Burhans	5937 Park Place, Hammond
Lida M. Owen (Mrs. N.V.)	440 Highland Street, Hammond
Mildred Peehl	1729 - 171st Street, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mary C. Burhans	5937 Park Place, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Warren Reeder	245 - 169th Street, Hammond
Mattie M. Reeder	7507 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Clarence Minas	7306 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Blvd. Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	307 Sunnyside Avenue, Munster
Mrs. Roscoe E. Woods	7531 Maplewood Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Ione Ludwig	30 Mason Street, Hammond
Florence Hoblitzel	6936 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Barbara Daugherty	7022 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Vincent Bower	517 - 165th Street, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

RULES FOR HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY CAMERA CONTEST
Final Date, January 15th, 1963

Hammond Historical Society will conduct a contest for the Best Pictures, taken only in the City of Hammond, and on the following subjects:

1. A Public High School
2. A Public Grade School
3. A Parochial School, either High School or Grade School
4. A City Building
5. A Scene in a Park, either of Activity or Beauty
6. A Manufacturing Plant or Plant Operation
7. A Hammond Street Scene, either of Buildings or People, or both
8. A Railroad Yard, Train Crossing, or Rail Study
9. A Picture of your own choosing

A first prize of \$100.00 will be awarded; a second prize of \$50.00; a third prize of \$25.00; and ~~two~~ prizes of \$5.00 each.

These pictures may not be submitted before December 1st, 1962, and not later than January 15th, 1963. This Contest is being held at this time of the year, because the photographer may wish to take a picture with, or without, the benefit of shrubbery.

Pictures submitted must have been taken within the past 20 years.

Pictures must be in black and white only.

The size of each picture must be not less than 3" x 5".

The judging will be for the most representative group and, in the opinion of the judges, the group having the most value in the interest of history. Mounting and display of pictures shall be of the applicant's choosing.

All pictures submitted will become the property of the Hammond Historical Society.

Each applicant must include name, address, age, a picture of himself, and a brief history of himself, answering the question -- in less than 500 words -- of why he (if over 21 years of age), or his family (if he is under 21 years) came to Hammond.

All those submitting pictures will become members in good standing of the Hammond Historical Society and will be entitled to all the privileges of the Society for a period of 3 years.

The decision of the judges will be final and in case they rule in a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

October 7, 1962

Announce Camera Contest

Officials of the Hammond Historical Society Saturday announced details of a camera contest intended to stimulate public interest in the development of the city through the years.

A first prize of \$100 will be offered for the most representative group of photographs in a nine-category list drawn up by the organization. Second prize will be \$50 and third prize \$25. Two additional awards of \$5 each will be presented.

THE CATEGORIES are:

1. A public high school.
2. A public grade school.
3. A parochial school, either high school or grade school.
4. A city building.
5. A park scene of either beauty or activity.
6. A manufacturing plant or plant operation.
7. A Hammond street scene showing people or buildings, or both.
8. A railroad yard, train crossing or rail study.
9. A picture of the contestant's own choosing.

OFFICIALS SAID the contest is being announced at this time because photographers may wish to make use of trees, shrubbery and other natural dressings in their picture composition. But pictures may not be submitted before Dec. 1 or later than next Jan. 15.

All pictures submitted must have been taken within the past 20 years and must be in black and white. No photographs less than three-by-five inches in size will be accepted and all pictures submitted will become the property of the society.

JUDGING WILL be for the most representative group and, in the opinion of the judges, the group having the most value in the interest of city lore and history. Mounting and display of pictures will be of the contestant's selection.

Rules stipulate that each person entering the contest include his or her name, age, address, and a brief personal history. The entrant must also present a picture of himself and a resume of 500 words or less on why he or his family came to Hammond.

All those submitting pictures in the contest will become members in good standing of the Hammond Historical Society and will be entitled to all rights and privileges of the society for three years.

Decision of the judges will be final and in case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

October 21, 1962

St. Joseph Church History To Be Told

One of downtown Hammond's best known landmarks, St. Joseph Church on Hohman avenue will be featured at the first fall meeting of the Hammond Historical Society Tuesday.

The meeting will convene at 7:30 p.m. in Room 224 at Hammond Technical-Vocational High School.

Msgr. Francis Jansen, pastor of the church for many years, will present a report on the history of the edifice and of the founding and growth of the parish in the city.

October 28, 1962

Msgr. Jansen Gives History Of Church

Msgr. Francis Jansen, pastor of St. Joseph Church gave a history of St. Joseph parish at the fall meeting of the Hammond Historical Society held at Technical-Vocational High School.

At the winter meeting of the society scheduled for Jan. 22, Dean Mitchell, president and board chairman of Northern Indiana Public Service Co., will present a history of the Northern Indiana Public Service Co.

It was announced by John F. Wilhelm that pictures in the society's camera contest can be turned in at any of the four locations of the Hoosier State Bank of Indiana or the Warren A. Reeder Jr. real estate firm, 260 165th St.

December 23, 1962

Society Will Display Old Papers, Photos

Hammond Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23 in Hammond Technical Vocational High School.

Mrs. Vincent Bower, president, said a display and round table discussion on old newspapers and newspaper clippings and old pictures pertaining to the area will be held.

Those interested in attending the meeting or in presenting old newspapers or pictures are asked to contact Mrs. Bower at Westmore 1-9579.

Dean Mitchell, chairman of the Northern Indiana Public Service Co., will present a history of the utility at the meeting.

January 20, 1963

Historical Society To Hear Utility Head

Dean Mitchell, president of Northern Indiana Public Service Co., will trace the history of the utility when he speaks at a meeting of the Hammond Historical Society at Hammond Technical High School Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Vincent Bower, president of the society, said that members of the group will show old-time photographs of Hammond.

MINUTES OF THE HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Tuesday, January 22, 1963

The meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 1963 at Hammond Technical High School by the president, Mrs. Vincent Bower.

A roll call sheet was circulated, indicating 29 members present, in spite of the howling snow storm and sub-zero weather outside. Minutes of the October 23 meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer, Mrs. Marguerite Cook, read the attached report indicating a balance on hand of \$270.78.

Mrs. Bower paid tribute to a member of the society who had died since our last meeting, Mrs. Minnie Tate.

Mr. Reeder commented on his letter which appeared recently in the Voice of the People in the Hammond Times and told how useful such notices are in uncovering valuable old materials that people have in their homes and in letting people know that the society is interested in them.

Mrs. Bower announced that the March meeting would be an open discussion and viewing of the entries in the camera contest. Since only two complete sets have been turned in so far, the contest closing has been extended to January 30. Members were urged to get entries in soon and notify any interested contestants of the extended deadline.

Mrs. Bower introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Dean Mitchell, president of the Northern Indiana Public Service Company. He gave a very personal and interesting history of the founding, development and growth of the Northern Indiana Public Service Company as we know it today from the first discovery of marsh gas at the time of the fur traders through the merger and consolidation of several gas and electric companies of northern Indiana to form N.I.P.S.Co. Mr. Mitchell answered questions of the members about early leaders in the company, about his personal association with Samuel Insull, and about some important "firsts" that the Public Service Company has contributed to Hammond: 1, Roland Schaeffer's patents on a new type insulator and lightning proof system and 2, the development of a temperature correction device for outdoor gas and electric meters.

Mrs. P.Q. Row presented the society with a framed cartoon drawing which included several prominent figures in Hammond's history. Mr. Wilhelm took some snap shots of members present. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. for an informal social hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sahl
Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Treasurer's Report

January 22, 1963

Balance on Hand, 10/23/62 \$238.03

DEPOSITS:

9 Full Memberships . . .	\$27.00	
1 Partial Membership75	
3 Service Memberships . .	<u>6.00</u>	<u>33.75</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$271.78

EXPENSES:

Secretary of State (Filing non-profit tax return) 1.00

Balance on Hand, 1/22/63 \$270.78

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Cook

Marguerite Cook, Treasurer

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ATTENDANCE - January 22, 1963

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Delbert L. Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Constance E. Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Joan L. Purkey	6529 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Alonzp Purkey	736 Thornton Street, Hammond
Mrs. Melva Carlson	7112 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Dr. P.Q. Row	6712 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. P.Q. Row	6712 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Clarence Minas	7306 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Adelaide Minas	7306 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Florence E. Cleveland	640 - 165th Street, Hammond
Mary Ruschlie Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Caroline Hohman	54 Ruth Street, Hammond
Florence Allman	239 - 169th Street, Hammond
Fern Arnold	4849 Oak Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Arnold	4849 Oak Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Warren A. Reeder, Jr.	245 - 169th Street, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Ethel Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Dean H. Mitchell	63 Glendale Park, Hammond
Mrs. Dean Mitchell	63 Glendale Park, Hammond
Ione Ludwig	30 Mason Street, Hammond
Marguerite Cook	911 - 176th Street, Hammond
Mrs. Vincent Bower	517 - 165th Street, Hammond
Georgia Barnett	2434 Martha Street, Hammond
Mary Jane Ruch	516 Waltham Stteet, Hammond
Lida M. Owen	440 Highland Street, Hammond
Margaret Moore	257 Doty Street, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

MINUTES OF THE HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Tuesday, March 19, 1963

The meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 1963 at Hammond Technical High School by Mr. John Wilhelm presiding in the absence of the president, Mrs. Bower.

A roll call sheet was circulated, indicating 15 members present. The minutes of the January 22 meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer, Mrs. Marguerite Cook, sent the attached report indicating a balance on hand of \$273.03.

Mr. Wilhelm announced that there were only two persons who submitted entries in the camera contest, Mr. Eugene Balsley and Mr. John Wilhelm. They were displayed on the tables to be examined at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Wilhelm showed a number of items which had been donated to the society. They included:

1. Some post cards from Walter Ford of pictures of various buildings and places in Hammond in the early 1900's.
2. Some pictures from Walter Bell of the children in Washington School in 1905.
3. A map of the city of Hammond in 1904.
4. The Industrial edition of the Hammond Daily News.
5. Ruth Dickover gave a picture of Caroline Hohman and the City Fuel Company.
6. Mr. Henry Reissig donated a group of pictures.

Mr. Wilhelm had posted a map of the county on which he had put the changing coast lines of Lake Michigan. He spoke on the geology of this region and pointed out the three stages in the recession of Lake Michigan, the Glenwood stage, the Calumet stage and the Tolliston stage which indicate a drop of over 50 feet in the lake level. He pointed out high points of the former shore line which still exist today. He talked about Hart's Ditch, built originally in the 1850's but developed through erosion to its present depth of 15 to 20 feet in only $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles length. He pointed out some of the changes in the mouth of the Calumet River southeastward as the lake receded till its present entry near Miller.

The remainder of the evening was spent in informal examination of the pictures on display of the contest entries and others which were given to the society.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl
Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Treasurer's Report

March 18, 1963

Balance on Hand, 1/22/63 \$270.78

DEPOSITS:

1 Partial Membership \$2.25	<u>2.25</u>
	\$273.03

EXPENSES:

{None}

Balance on Hand, 3/18/63 \$273.03

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Cook
Marguerite Cook, Treasurer

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Attendance - March 19, 1963

NAME

ADDRESS

Georgia Barnett	2434 Martha Street, Hammond
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Henry O. Reissig	836 May Street, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Margaret Rauer	6246 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Marvin Wheeler	921 - 173rd Street, Hammond
George Nelson	3431 - 41st Street, Highland
Florence Cleveland	640 - 165th Street, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	6904 Olcott Avenue, Hammond
Melvin G. Zachau	8155 Euclid Avenue, Munster
Edna Zachau	8155 Euclid Avenue, Munster
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl=	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Warren A. Reeder	245 - 169th Street, Hammond
Michael Firman	6245 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Tuesday, May 7, 1963

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order by the president, Mrs. Vincent Bower, at the Harrison Park Branch Library on Tuesday, May 7, 1963 at 7:50 p.m. A roll call sheet was passed indicating ten members present.

Plans were discussed for the annual meeting. Mr. Wilhelm suggested we combine our annual meeting and field trip on a Sunday and have a tour of some of the historically interesting places on the south side of Chicago and return to a church for the dinner. Because it was expected to be too difficult to get church women to prepare a dinner on Sunday, dates were set for the dinner meeting on Tuesday, May 28 and for the tour on Sunday, June 16. Mrs. Bower agreed to try to make dinner arrangements with the Episcopal Church women. Father Douglass or Father Langendorff were suggested to be asked to give a history of the church. Mr. Reeder is making arrangements with a speaker from the Chicago Civil War Roundtable.

Mrs. Bower appointed a nominating committee of Edward Hayward, Warren Reeder, John Wilhelm, Mrs. Florence Cleveland, and Mrs. Mary Peters.

Mr. Hayward brought to the attention of the group a letter from Herbert H. Bartlett of Ann Arbor, Michigan who is working on a book on the Sauk Trail and Chicago Road. He wants to correspond with someone who is interested in the history of the Sauk trail. Mr. Reeder agreed to write to him.

Mr. Wilhelm suggested we do something to dispose of the camera contest. Since there was only one entry by Rev. Balsley, the originally announced prizes were not practical. Mr. Reeder moved that we give Mr. Balsley a \$30 award for his effort in contributing to the society's pictures.

Mr. Wilhelm presented the attached list of 15 short-range and long-range objectives for the society to consider. In discussing them, some other ideas which presented themselves were:

1. That we write to the attorney general to see what public laws there are that allow historical societies to raise money.
2. That we bring "The General," the old railroad train here on exhibit.
3. That we start on a small scale to lead toward the hiring of a full time secretary.
4. That we stamp to identify each picture and material now belonging to the society.
5. That we design a gift plate for the Society to put on things given to us.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Secretary.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THESE ARE SUGGESTED SHORT RANGE AND LONG-RANGE OBJECTIVES

1. A new home and/or museum for the Hammond Historical Society
2. Four Thousand members (active) at \$10.00 each
3. A monthly publication of note for the membership
4. Two Annual publications about our people and/or industry
5. An Annual project in the form of a drama, play or celebration
6. An active research and collection Committee
7. A full-time paid Director and Secretary
8. An Annual money-raising project for operation and endowment
9. An invitation to Industry and Endowment Foundations to include the
Hammond Historical Society in their giving.
10. An invitation to wealthy people to include Hammond Historical Society
in their wills
11. To set up a multiple membership arrangement from \$100 to \$1000,
these funds to be placed in the Endowment Fund for the perpetuation
of the Society
12. One-fourth of the membership dues to be placed in the Endowment Fund
13. A Committee to review all of the Society's material, to have it catalogued
and filed with a card index system -- fireproof files to be purchased
to house the material
14. Request permission from the banks of Hammond to store these filing cases
and contents without charge, in their vaults
15. To continue our Annual Tour to visit historical spots and shrines.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Attendance - May 7, 1963

NAMEADDRESS

Edward B. Hayward
Florence E. Cleveland
Georgia Barnett
Warren Reeder
George H. Nelson
Marvin D. Wheeler
Ione Ludwig
John F. Wilhelm
Dollie Bower
Marjorie Sohl

6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
640 - 165th Street, Hammond
2434 Martha Street, Hammond
245 - 169th Street, Hammond
3431 - 41st Street, Highland
921 - 173rd Street, Hammond
30 Mason Street, Hammond
6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
517 - 165th Street, Hammond
5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1963

The fourth annual meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was held as a dinner meeting at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 6043 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, on Tuesday, May 28, 1963. Dinner was served at 6:30 p.m. with 57 attending.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the president, Mrs. Vincent Bower. A roll call sheet was passed. Minutes of the March 19th meeting were read and approved. The attached treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Marguerite Cook showing a balance on hand of \$329.53.

Mr. Edward Hayward, Chairman of the nominating committee read the committee's report nominating the following officers:

President	George Nelson
1st Vice President	Anton Tapper
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Henry Eggers
3rd Vice President	Henry Reissig
4th Vice President	Harold Hammond
5th Vice President	Palmer Singleton, Jr.
Secretary	Miss Marjorie Sohl
Treasurer	Mrs. Marguerite Cook

Directors - Term Expiring May, 1967

Mrs. Marie Meyer Hanlon
Mrs. Anna Bradford Perry
Mrs. Rose Kolb Scherer
Mrs. Lida Muenich Owen
Mrs. Bertha Kleihege

He moved that the report be accepted and that the officers be declared elected. The motion was seconded and carried. George Nelson was introduced.

Mrs. Vincent Bower read the attached annual report summarizing the past year's activities.

Warren Reeder introduced several special guests attending the dinner as well as all of the past presidents of the society. He presented a check and two memberships in the society to Rev. Eugene Balsley for his pictorial contributions to the society's holdings through his entry in the photo contest. He also presented an award of distinction of the society to Mrs. Vincent Bower.

John Wilhelm announced that preliminary arrangements had been made to bring the train, "The General," to Hammond to be on exhibit here in the fall. He also announced the society's annual tour this spring would take place on Sunday, June 16th from 1:30 to 5 p.m. @ \$1.00 per person. The bus will leave Harrison Park to visit the Oak Wood Cemetery and the Douglas Memorial in Chicago.

Rev. Peter Langendorff, Pastor Emeritus of St. Paul's Episcopal Church gave a brief history of the church which will celebrate its

75th birthday on June 17, 1963. Rev. Robert Wall came here as the first resident pastor on Aug. 20, 1888. In 1889 the church bought four lots from Joseph Rimbach for \$1100 and in 1890 built a small church. This church was moved to the present location at Hohman and Detroit and is now embodied in the present building. Other ministers included 1900-1914 - Charles Albert Smith
1914-1920 - William Hawthorne
1921-1945 - Peter Langendorff

Rev. Langendorff pointed out that the coming of the Conkey Plant to Hammond helped this parish greatly, but that Mr. Conkey died without leaving a will so the promised \$50,000 to start a new church never came from him. However, the parish has grown to over 600 members now, but the planned quadrangle of buildings will not now be built because of lack of room.

Mr. Wilhelm introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Joseph Eisendrath, a former president of the Chicago Civil War Round Table and the president of the Banthrico Industries of Chicago, and also to be the tour guide for the tour on June 16th. He spoke on Camp Douglas, the Andersonville of the North. The Stephen Douglas Monument in Chicago is known to many only as the burial place of Douglas. Few know that it was the location of a Civil War prison camp which developed out of a recruitment and training camp, located along Cottage Grove between 31st and 36th Streets. This camp housed as many as 8000 prisoners by the fall of 1862, and 18,000 passed thru it during the war. Its greatest problem was keeping the men healthy and thus the comparison is made to Andersonville. The unsanitary conditions of the camp and the cold weather and the weakened condition of the men when they arrived, all combined to make perfect conditions for colds and dysentery.. After the war the government disposed of the property and now the Douglas Monument and one acre of ground around it is the only marker left.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Secretary.



THE
HAMMOND
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May 28, 1963

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominations for 1963-1964

President : George Nelson
1st Vice President: Anton Tapper
2nd Vice President: Mrs. Henry Eggers
3rd Vice President: Henry Reissig
4th Vice President: Harold Hammond
5th Vice President: Palmer Singleton, Jr.

Program Projects
Publicity
Annual Convention
Membership
Program

Secretary : Miss Marjorie Sohl

Treasurer : Mrs. Wm. J. Cook

Directors: Term expiring May 1967

Mrs. Marie Meyer Hanlon - 2623 Adams Building
Mrs. Anna Bradford Perry - 6238 Van Buren
Mrs. Rose (Scherer) Kolb - 5946 Lombard
Mrs. Lida Muenich Owen - 440 Kilduff
Mrs. Bertha Kleihege - 5934 Park Road

Nominating Committee:

Florence Cleveland
John Wilhelm
Mary R. Peters
Warren A. Reeder, Jr.
Edward B. Hayward



HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Treasurer's Annual Report
May 28th, 1963

BALANCE on Hand, 5/21/62 \$267.53

DEPOSITS:

36 Full Individual Memberships \$108.00
2 Partial Individual Memberships 3.00
3 Service Memberships 6.00
Payment - 1962 Dinners (5/22/62) 13.50
Donation from Ham'd Woman's Club -
 John F. Wilhelm for speech 6.00
27 Tickets for 1963 Dinner(5/24/63) 67.50

Total Deposits 204.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$471.53

EXPENSES:

5/22/62 Dr. G. B. Claussius(speaker-5/22/62) . \$ 15.00
 " Mrs. Radle (dinners-5/22/62) 99.00
9/28/62 Mrs. Bower (postage). 10.00
1/16/63 Secy. of State, file non-profit tax 1.00
5/15/63 Warren Reeder (postage) 12.50
5/22/63 Ham'd Office Supply Co. (envelopes). . . 4.50

Total Expenses 142.00

BALANCE, on Hand, 5/24/63. \$329.53

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Cook.

Marguerite Cook, Treasurer

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ATTENDANCE - May 28, 1963

NAMEADDRESS

George H. Nelson	3431 - 41st Street, Highland
Mrs. Marvin Wheeler	921 - 173rd Street, Hammond
Marvin Wheeler	921 - 173rd Street, Hammond
Mrs. George Knoezer	6210 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Bertha Kleihege	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Mrs. Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Arthur J. Weiss	25 Waltham Street, Hammond
Arthur J. Weiss	25 Waltham Street, Hammond
Mrs. Margaret Rauer	6246 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Georgia Barnett	2434 Martha Street, Hammond
Joseph Piekarczyk, Sr.	6638 Carolina Avenue, Hammond
Joseph Piekarczyk, Jr.	6638 Carolina Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Robert E. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Robert E. Wilhelm	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Mrs. A. E. Peters	7528 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
A. E. Peters	7528 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	317 Sunnyside Avenue, Munster
Mrs. Grace Parker	5111 Oakley Avenue, Hammond
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Blvd. Hammond
Alma Rohde	7042 Kennedy Avenue, Hammond
Rocky Reeder	245 - 169th Street, Hammond
Fred DeBoe	250 - 169th Street, Hammond
Mr. Timothy Pearson	6522 Meadow Lane, Hammond
Jeffrey Michael Wallish	538 Kenwood Street, Hammond
Henry O. Reissig	836 May Street, Hammond
Warren A. Reeder, Jr.	245 - 169th Street, Hammond
Marvin G. Zackau	8155 Euclid Avenue, Munster
Caroline Hohman	54 Ruth Street, Hammond
Florence Cleveland	640 - 165th Street, Hammond
Mrs. Carl H. Michel	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Carl H. Michel	5933 Park Place, Hammond
Mrs. John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. William Millstead	237 Conkey Street, Hammond
Mrs. George Miller	406 Waltham Street, Hammond
Mrs. Margaret Moore	257 Doty Street, Hammond
Mrs. Harry Whiting	6304 Harrison Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Mary Ruschlie Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Mrs. Delbert Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Delbert Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Ione Ludwig	30 Mason Street, Hammond
Elizabeth M. Goodland	Chicago, Illinois
Florence Hoblitzel	6932 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Marguerite Cook	911 - 176th Street, Hammond
Ruth Washington	438 Detroit Street, Hammond
Lida M. Owen	440 Highland Street, Hammond
Mrs. Joseph L. Humpfer	8119 Meadowland, Munster
Mrs. Leo F. Engleton	8119 Meadowland, Munster
Mrs. William Schloer	Salyer Apts, Conkey & Hohman, Ham'd

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ATTENDANCE - May 28, 1963

NAMEADDRESS

Peter Langendorff
Rev. Eugene Balsley
Mrs. Eugene Balsley
Joseph Eisendrath
Mrs. Vincent Bower
Marjorie Sohl

15 Wildwood Road, Hammond
223 Locust Street, Hammond
223 Locust Street, Hammond
Chicago, Illinois
517 - 165th Street, Hammond
5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

OFFICERS 1962 - 1963

President	Mrs. Vincent Bower
1st Vice President	George Nelson
2nd Vice President	Anton Tapper
3rd Vice President	Mrs. Henry Eggers
4th Vice President	Harold Hammond
5th Vice President	Palmer Singleton, Jr.
Secretary	Miss Marjory Sohl
Treasurer	Mrs. Wm. J. Cook

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

3rd Annual Meeting

May 28th, 1963, 6:30 p. m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

WELCOME - Mrs. Vincent (Dolly Knott) Bower President

INVOCATION - Rev. Peter Langendorff

DINNER - Served by the St. Elizabeth Guild
of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Minutes of March 19th, 1963 -

Miss Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Treasurer's Annual Report -

Mrs. Marguerite Cook, Treasurer

Report of Nominating Committee -

Edward Hayward

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT - Mrs. Vincent Bower

SPECIAL AWARDS AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS -

Warren A. Reeder, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - John F. Wilhelm

HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH -

Rev. Peter Langendorff, Pastor Emeritus of
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

MAIN SPEAKER - "The Andersonville of the North --

Camp Douglas" - Joseph Eisendrath, a former
President of Chicago Civil War Round Table and
President of Banthrico Industries, Inc. of Chicago

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1963

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order by the president, George Nelson, at the Harrison Park Branch Library on Tuesday, July 2, 1963 at 7:40 p.m. A roll call sheet was passed indicating eleven members present.

Marjorie Sohl presented a bill for \$3.80 for postage which was allowed.

The meeting was opened to suggestions for meetings and activities for the coming year. George Nelson reported that Mrs. Concialdi, president of the Sigma Beta Sorority had contacted him to offer the society a booth at the sorority's annual antique show, September 19, 20 and 21. The show will be held at St. Michael's Ukrainian Hall from 1 to 10 p.m. each day of the show. It was suggested we could set up a display of pictures and materials owned by the society, have folders and application blanks for membership in the society, and have copies of Dr. Moore's history of the Calumet Region for sale. Mr. Reeder moved that we accept the invitation and that a committee be appointed to man the booth and work out the exhibit. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion and it was carried. Mr. Reeder and Mr. Wheeler offered to assemble and transport the exhibit, Mr. Hayward and Mrs. Cook to assemble the pictures and books belonging to the society, and Mrs. Bower and Mrs. Peters to work out a schedule to man the booth. Since the hall would be in use Wednesday night, the exhibit would have to be set up on Thursday morning, Sept. 19th.

George Nelson suggested that we have a meeting treating of the history of the Conkey Plant since it was an early and important industry to Hammond. Names suggested of people who might contribute to such a meeting were Chris Dubs, Art Weiss and Kate Emery. The possible date for this meeting was set for Tuesday, November 12. George Nelson will contact Mr. Dubs and the plant public relations department to work out arrangements for the program with the possibility of holding it at the plant and inviting retired employees to come and bring any items of interest.

Other suggestions for meetings included:

1. Jim Jacobson and a history of the Straube Piano Company.
2. Clarence Minas and a history of E.C. Minas Company.
3. Dr. Miner and his days with the Street Car Company.
4. A history of the K. of C. or Elks Lodges.
5. Rev. Hyles and a history of the 1st Baptist Church.

Tentative dates for other meetings were set for Feb. 11, 1964, April 14, 1964 and a dinner meeting in May.

Mr. Wilhelm knew Clarence Minas was working on a history of the Minas Company and suggested that we try to have him present it by the February meeting, with the possibility of holding this meeting at the time of the Northern Indiana Art Salon Patrons' Association show which is held annually in Minas' store about this time. George Nelson will contact Mr. Minas and Clare Oesterle, president of the art patrons' association to try to set up this meeting.

Mr. Reeder suggested that for the annual dinner meeting next spring when the society will be five years old, we consider the possibility of holding our dinner with the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner, that we sit together as a group at the dinner and be recognized by the gathered businessmen, and that we control the speaker of the evening by obtaining someone like U.S. Grant, the grandson of President U.S. Grant. Mr. Reeder and Mr. Wilhelm agreed to be a committee to contact the Chamber of Commerce to see if this can be arranged. If it can be, this will determine the date of the dinner meeting and possibly the other spring meeting of the society.

Mr. Reeder said he was still working on the possibility of getting "The General" train to stop in Hammond next fall on its tour. Mr. Wilhelm suggested we try to get the backing of the railroads to help get "The General" to stop in Hammond, the railroad center of the area and that Anthony Seidler of the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad may be able to put some pressure on for the society.

Out of this discussion also came the suggestion from Mr. Wheeler that for our annual tour next spring we arrange a railroad tour on which we could actually ride a train around on some of the railroads in the area. This idea was received with enthusiasm and it was thought Mr. Seidler could also help arrange such a tour.

The problem of identifying some of the people and places in some of the pictures which have been donated to the society was raised. Mr. Wilhelm suggested we may be able to work out a running exhibit of some of these, publicized by copies of some in the paper asking people to try to identify them. It was also suggested that if one person on a picture can be identified, that we contact that person, if possible, to have them help identify the others.

Mr. Reeder reported that a woman in Ross has a plat book of the streets and houses in Hammond, East Chicago and Whiting in about 1892-3-4, but that she wants \$500 for it. Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Reeder offered to be on a committee to go see her to see if she would let it be copied for the society's record.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Secretary,

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 2, 1963

Ruth Whitman
Mary R. Peters
Dollie Bower
Marguerite Cook
Georgia Barnett
Edward B. Hayward
Marvin Wheeler
Warren A. Reeder, Jr.
George H. Nelson
John F. Wilhelm
Marjorie Sohl

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
SEPTEMBER 3, 1963.

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order by the president, George Nelson, at the Harrison Park Branch Library on Tuesday, September 3, 1963 at 7:35p.m. A roll call sheet was passed indicating ten members present.

Final arrangements were made for the society's display to be included at the Sigma Beta annual Antique Show, Sept. 25-27th. A 8 x 14 foot floor space area will be allowed to set up the pictures, maps and books that we care to display. Copies of Dr. Moore's history of the Calumet Region will be sold as well as memberships in the Society. Manning the booth from 1 to 10 p.m. each of the three days was discussed. Mr. Wilhelm suggested we hire a person for \$1.00 an hour to be responsible for being there and let members volunteer to be there the hours they can serve. Mrs. Mary Peters was given the responsibility for scheduling the volunteers at the booth. Mr. Reeder and Mr. Wheeler agreed to assemble and set up the display. Other suggestions registered for the exhibit were: 1, a pas-out folder be prepared inviting people to contribute their reminiscences or things they may have pertaining to Hammond history; 2, a group of unidentified pictures be posted inviting people to help identify them; 3, a list of famous "firsts" in Hammond be made and displayed, for example, first railroad refrigerator car, first automatic dishwasher, first automatic car retarder, first professional football team, first potato digger.

Plans for programs at future meetings were discussed. George Nelson had not been successful in getting Mr. Dubs to agree to present a history of the Conkey Company. Suggestions made for him to follow up on were:

1. Mr. McDermid for a history of the Conkey Company.
2. Jim Jacobson for a history of the Straube Piano.
3. The local DAR organization for the story of Timothy Ball (after whom the local DAR chapter is named) and his connection with Hammond history. See Dolly Bower or Mrs. Tennant.
4. Tom Kelly for the research done by LaSalle Steel on their recent anniversary.
5. History of Taylor Chain Company.
6. Mrs. P.Q. Row for a history of the telephone company.

Mr. Reeder again stressed the need for the organization's bringing out a regular publication to publish some of the writings we have and to keep members informed. He offered to set up the first one using some of the material we now have.

Mr Reeder also told of his recent efforts by letters to various civic leaders and organizations to ask for any space available to house the organization's materials. The only positive reply received was a letter from Dr. Eggers of the school board offering the Society the old Wilson School building at Columbia and 173rd Street. Mr. Wilhelm moved, Mrs. Cook seconded and the board voted to accept this offer. They felt the building held possibilities for housing a museum and local talents could be used to develop displays and exhibits of value showing Hammond's history. The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 3, 1963

Warren Reeder
Arthur Weiss
Florence Allman
Bertha Kleihege
Lida M. Owen
Mary R. Peters
Marguerite Cook
John F. Wilhelm
George Nelson
Marjorie Sohl



Antique Shoe Articles Displayed

Thames of the evening that we were about to leave, before it was too late to board the Sunday boat to the Island's famous hill in Richmond. The view is a glorious one, especially from the Victoria Hotel. It is a fine old building, and Mrs. Ford, who was with us, was a very kind and interesting hostess. The dinner, coffee, and tea were all very good.



Display To Include Photographs

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Highlighting Hammond Times Feature

Source: *San Antonio Express-News*, 1998. The company, which operates the hotel chain in the Americas, has not been paying its taxes, according to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. The state is expected to file a lawsuit in the coming months. The company is owned by the President of the United States, George W. Bush, and his family. The company is also a subsidiary of the Bush family's private equity firm, the Texas Capital Management, L.P.

*Greater Calumet
Antique Show,
Sale This Week*

From 1994, the book has been recognized by the American National Academy of Sciences, American Library Association and the National Book Critics Circle as one of the best books of the year.

The store is essential for customers. The store will provide them 1 to 20 years of the business. Customers will be able to see the store and see the store. Customers will be able to see the store and see the store.

Mrs. Frank Corwin, whose husband, she says, has been severely injured by a fall from a ladder, is being treated at the hospital.

For a complete list of titles, visit www.pearsoned.com and see Pearson Education's *World of Books*.

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the meeting is covered by a page in the second edition, Book 1 of the *History*. The 10 issues for Volume 1 are: *the State* and *Warring States* (first edition); *Through the History of the "New Year" festival* (second edition); *published in the January edition of the Journal of the*

F. L. McFarland and Mrs.
 Fred McFarland, are registered
 members attending this year.
 Mrs. Ralph Belmont, James
 M. Boyd, Emma, Grace,
 Mrs. Charles E. Brown,
 Mrs. William Edwards, Mrs.
 Susan E. and Mrs. David
 Hill, Mrs. J. and Mrs.
 Jensen, are attending.

November 8, 1963

Historical Society To Meet

The first fall meeting of the Hammond Historical Society will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Harrison Park Branch Library, Hohman and Waltham streets, Hammond.

The subject of the meeting will be "Timothy Ball, Pioneer Historian," which will be presented by Mrs. Joseph Brown of Crown Point.

Ball was a Baptist minister, teacher, writer and historian of the pioneers days of Lake County. Living in the county from 1837 until 1913, Ball kept an accurate observation of the progress and history of the county in his writings.

Mrs. Brown has a complete set of his works, which are invaluable in determining the early history of the county.

November 11, 1963

HAMMOND HISTORICAL Society will hear a report on one of Lake County's most famous citizens of an earlier era—Timothy Ball—at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Harrison Park branch library. Mrs. Joseph Brown, Crown Point, former president of the Lake County Historical Society will speak on the writer, historian, teacher and Baptist minister.

While Timothy Ball is a personality known only to most of us through books, newspaper articles and the like, there are many county citizens with a personal contact recollection.

Among these are Ed. Friedrich, long time Hammond lawyer, and A. E. Geisen, who was a young man in the funeral home field in the late years of the Ball era.

Friedrich well remembers Timothy Ball as a "sort of Jeremiah of his day with long glowing beard. Even in my early days in Crown Point I remember what curiosity he used to provoke among the children as he walked the streets."

"Who wouldn't remember him?" says Geisen. "I can remember standing out in a cemetery for two hours in sub-zero weather while he delivered a funeral oration."

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BALL, who lived in the county from 1837 until 1913, was a keen observer and recorder in the transition from raw pioneer living to the beginnings of a great industrial complex. Ball even kept weather records. George Nelson, president of Hammond Historical Society, says Mrs. Brown has a complete set of the works of Ball. They are invaluable to those doing research work on Lake County. Warren A. Reeder of the historical society, for instance, notes that only through records kept by Ball it is known that the northwest end of Cedar Lake was the site of an Indian cemetery.

MINUTES OF THE HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Tuesday, November 12, 1963

The meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 1963 at the Harrison Park Branch Library by the president, George Nelson. A roll call sheet was passed indicating 31 members were present.

George Nelson introduced the speaker of the evening, Mrs. Joseph E. (Avis) Brown of Crown Point who spoke on Timothy H. Ball. She became interested in research on the Ball family because it paralleled her own family in time and location, both settling in the area in the 1830's. She developed the Ball family story, stressing Timothy, one of six children, who became an outstanding minister, teacher, and historian of the Lake County area, especially around Crown Point. He wrote 13 books and 6 pamphlets, most of which she has collected and passed around to be examined. He is said to have carried the gospel to more people than any other person in Lake County as he preached in nearly every school house and many homes in Lake County. Mrs. Brown also described the work which she and Mrs. Waldon A. McBride have done in recording the grave stones in cemeteries in Lake and Porter Counties.

Minutes of the annual meeting in May were read and accepted. Members were reminded to pick up a copy of the Bulletin, the first publication of the Society, from the desk at the door as they signed their name.

Thanks were extended to those who worked at the Antique Show in September, especially Mrs. Peters, who scheduled the workers and was there most of the time, and to Warren Reeder and Marvin Wheeler who set up the display.

Mr. Edward Hayward said that he thought the Society needed a committee to be aware of the members who are ill and unable to attend meetings and to perhaps send a card to sick members. Mrs. Henry Cleveland and Miss Georgia Barnett volunteered to serve as such a committee. Members were urged to phone information of any sick members to them at the Hammond Public Library.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. for a social hour and examination of the books and pamphlets which Mrs. Brown had on display.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sahl
Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ATTENDANCE - November 12, 1963

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Georgia Barnett	2454 Martha Street, Hammond
Barbara Nelson	3431 - 41st Street, Highland
Florence Cleveland	640 - 165th Street, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	54 Ruth Street, Hammond
Corene Porter	845 Hoffman Street, Hammond
Delbert F. Purkey	7114 Lyman Avenue, Hammond
Joseph E. Brown	442 South Main Street, Crown Point
Mrs. Joseph E. Brown	442 South Main Street, Crown Point
Mrs. Mary R. Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Mrs. M. P. Ludwig	30 Mason Street, Hammond
Mrs. Clyde Lyle	(DAR) 6407 Harrison Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Russell H. Johnson	(DAR) 256 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Russell H. Johnson	256 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Clarence Minas	7306 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Adelaide H. Minas	7306 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Athol Marcus	103 Highland Street, Calumet City, Ill.
Mrs. N. V. Owen	440 Highland Street, Hammond
Edith L. Burhans	5937 Park Place, Hammond
Mary Jane Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Florence Allman	239 - 169th Street, Hammond
Joseph Piekarczyk	6638 Carolina Avenue, Hammond
Karen Moreland	6740 Schneider Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Asa Sterner	3621 - 178th Street, Lansing, Ill.
Mrs. Clarence R. Davis	18509 Miller Drive, Lansing, Ill.
George Nelson	3431 - 41st Street, Highland
Charlotte Kasten	317 Sunnyside Avenue, Munster
Mrs. Ann Sauer	47 Elizabeth Street, Hammond
Marvin Wheeler	921 - 173rd Street, Hammond, Indiana
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Bertha Kleihege	5933 Park Place, Apt. 1, Hammond

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
January 21, 1964

The Board of Directors of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order by the president, George Nelson, at the Harrison Park Branch Library on Tuesday, January 21, 1964 at 7:30 p.m. A roll call sheet was passed indicating ten members present.

The president announced future plans already made for scheduled meetings of the society. Mr. Clarence Minas will present a history of the Edward C. Minas Company at 7:30 on April 14th. This meeting will be held at the Minas store. Mr. Ralph Artim will present a history of the Artim Trucking firm at the meeting on March 10.

Mrs. Brown, the speaker at the last meeting asked that a notice be placed in our Bulletin that Franklin College is very anxious to receive a copy of Howat's History of Lake County. It was suggested that Colin Howat at 20 Beverly Place in Munster be contacted since he is a relative of the author.

Mr. Reeder reported that he had learned that a History of the Hammond Steel Car system is available at \$1.75 per copy. Only 60 copies are left from the Electric Railway Historical Society, P.O. Box 3305, Chicago 54, Illinois.

It was proposed that the board consider the possibility of reproducing in some copying process the 1903 edition of the Hammond Daily News enough to give each member of the society a copy and have some to sell. One process investigated would cost \$198 for 500 copies. Mr. Hayward reported that the University of Michigan Press would publish out of print books for organizations with a guarantee of a certain number of copies. He agreed to investigate the price. Mrs. Cook reported that at the Hoosier Bank they figured the cost of their reproducing process to be \$1.75 a page to make the negative. Mr. Hayward reported that this year is the centennial of the Hammond Public Schools and that they plan to reproduce some kind of material for use at about the 6th grade level to supplement their text by Peale on Indiana history.

Mr. Reeder reported that he and Mr. Wilhelm were working with a Chicago firm to produce a film strip from their collection of slides on early Hammond history. He now is in need of a list of some of the famous people who appeared at the old Towle Opera House. He understood that Victor Herbert's brother, George, had directed the Mikikado there at one time. Billy Sunday was thought to have appeared at the Labor Temple and Carrie Nation at the Brook's Theatre. He also is in need of a picture of Marcus Towle.

Mr. Reeder reported that he had been in contact with Mr. Walter Pickart of the Gary Historical Society. The suggestion was made that we hold our annual meeting in May jointly with the Calumet Region Civil War Round Table and the Lake County Historical Society and try to get U.S. Grant III as a speaker for the dinner meeting, all three organizations selling tickets to cover the expenses. A motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried provided that we approach the other organizations to back this idea and that we guarantee at least 50 tickets.

Mrs. Cook presented the attached financial report showing a balance on hand of \$189.97. A bill for \$2.00 postage was presented and allowed.

Since our first news letter came out, Mr. Reeder reported having received enough material for at least three more. He estimated that each mailing cost the society about \$20. It was suggested we plan to have one published about three times a year.

It was again stressed that the society needs to have an address-- a permanent place where people will direct things which they want preserved and where they will feel free to give things and know they will be preserved. Mrs. Minas said that she had pictures of the father and mother of George and Thomas Hammond. The Hammond descendants in Detroit want these, and yet they are the sort of thing which the society here should have and preserve.

The president appointed the following nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers to be presented at the annual meeting: Mrs. Mary Peters, chairman, Mr. Hayward, Mr. Wheeler, Mrs. Clarence Minas, and Miss Mildred Peehl.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Report as of December 31, 1963

Total membership (not all are paid up to date) - 98

Balance on Hand, 12/31/62 - \$269.78

Income - *\$318.25*

Membership Dues	\$97.25		
Donations	36.00		
Dinners	135.00		
Tours	50.00	<u>318.25</u>	\$588.03

Expenses - *\$389.06*

Secretary of State	\$ 1.00	
Postage	23.06	
Printing	57.90	
Stationery	8.65	
Speakers	40.00	
Dinners	142.50	
Tour	40.00	
Awards	32.87	
Show Expenses	43.08	<u>389.06</u>

Balance, on Hand December 31, 1963 \$198.97

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 21, 1964

Mr. E. C. Minas, Jr.	7306 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. E. C. Minas, Jr.	7306 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Mary Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Mildred Peehl	1729 -171st Street, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Marguerite Cook	911 - 176th Street, Hammond
Warren A. Reeder, Jr.	245 - 169th Street, Hammond
Marvin Wheeler	921 - 173rd Street, Hammond
George H. Nelson	3431 - 41st Street, Highland
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

MINUTES OF THE HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Tuesday, March 10, 1964

The meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 1964 at the Harrison Park Branch Library by the president, George Nelson. A roll call sheet was passed, indicating 23 members were present.

Minutes of the November 12th, 1963 meeting were read and accepted. The president reported that twelve new members had paid dues in the past two weeks, perhaps some as a result of the reminder in the bulletin. He encouraged all members to report the illness of any members to the committee appointed to remember such members.

George Nelson introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Ralph Artim of the Artim Trucking firm in Hessville. Mr. Artim described how the Artim Trucking firm known as one of the largest of industrial and specialized truckers has grown from a single bus and truck service started by his father early in the 1900's to the two and a half million dollar a year business employing over 100 persons today. His father, a good mechanic, started out working at DuPont and in his spare time repaired bicycles and dinkies, the small gauge railroad cars. In 1915 he got his first car, a Dodge, later a Ford truck, and then a bus. Each car added a new kind of service, from freight transporting to taxing of people to and from work. This developed into a regular bus franchise. Ralph Artim joined his father in the business in the mid-1920's when he was in high school. He became the eyes and ears for his father who could neither read nor write. The business then took on the ice trucking service, the filling of refrigerator cars with ice. During the depression the business survived by offering extra services for the same price and got industrial materials delivered faster. In 1937 they started hauling for American Bridge and as a result of this got started in the specialized hauling of oversized pieces, especially steel girders for bridge and highway construction. This type of hauling has required the design and construction of special trucks and trailers to fit the various jobs. They have progressed from model T trucks through two-axle trucks, tractor-trailer, tandem-trailer, and tandem-tandums. Now they are in the process of converting to all diesel powered trucks.

Mr. Artim answered some questions from the audience and the meeting adjourned about 9:15 p.m. for examination of the pictures from the business which Mr. Artim had on display.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sahl

Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ATTENDANCE - March 10, 1964

NAMEAddress

Georgia Barnett	2334 Martha Street, Hammond
Florence E. Cleveland	640 - 165th Street, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	54 Ruth Street, Hammond
Florence Allman	239 - 169th Street, Hammond
Clarence Minas	7306 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Adelaide H. Minas	7306 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Walter A. Bell	237 Highland Street, Hammond
Warren Reeder	245 - 169th Street, Hammond
Ed Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. H. Young	7529 Van Buren Avenue, Hammond, Guest
Mrs. Peter Jongsma	909 - 176th Place, Hammond, Guest
Mrs. Athol Marcus	103 Highland Street, Calumet City, Ill.
John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Ethel Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Wesley L. Johnson	7205 Arkansas Avenue, Hammond
Lila K. Johnson	256 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Russell H. Johnson	256 Lawndale Street, Hammond
Dr. P.Q. Row	6712 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. P.Q. Row	6712 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mary R. Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
G.E. Nelson	3431 - 41st Street, Highland
Ralph Artim	7108 Alabama Avenue, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

— April 10, 1964 —

Historians

Meet Tuesday

HAMMOND—Edward C. Minas III will present a history of the E. C. Minas Department Store at the spring meeting of the Hammond Historical Society Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the store. Members are asked to park in the rear and enter through the rear door.

Members can also view the paintings of the Northern Indiana Art Patrons, now on exhibit at the store.



Blaine Marz At Ease

SGT. CHARLES SIMPSON of Munster's finest rates a **SENTINEL** Salute. Perhaps for a number of things but certainly for an incident witnessed by one of our wideawake agents. The sarge observed a small boy trying to cross busy Ridge Road. Concerned, he went out of his way to return to the crossing point, park his police car and help one very proud youngster across the street.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY should be in for a treat at the next meeting March 10 at the Harrison Park branch library.

RALPH ARTIM of the Artim Trucking Co., Hammond, will present a report on the origin and history of his firm — a real veteran in the area commercial stream. Artim undoubtedly will present additional background on the Hessville section with which his firm has so long been associated and Hessville is Hammond's oldest section. **Warren Reeder**, realtor and editor of the always intriguing newsletter of the society, expects the 7:30 p.m. meeting to be an unusually interesting session.

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AND THE HAMMOND Historical Society has something special coming up at the April 14 meeting. Subject will be "History of the Minas Store" by **E. C. Minas III**. To make the atmosphere just right, the meeting will be held at the store in Hammond. We'll guarantee one thing. There won't be a parking problem!

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MINUTES OF THE HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Tuesday, April 14, 1964

The meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 1964, on the second floor of the Edward C. Minas Company store, 460 State Street, by the president, George Nelson. A roll call sheet was passed, indicating 44 members were present. Minutes of the March 10th meeting were read and accepted.

George Nelson introduced the speaker and host for the meeting, Edward C. Minas III. The society was welcomed to the Minas store and invited to later view the Northern Indiana Art Salon's 21st annual exhibit in the area east of the meeting area. Mr. Minas presented a history of the present Minas store started by his grandfather, Feb. 12, 1890 as a hardware store, at the southeast corner of State and Oakley. From a first day's business of \$2.62 it has grown in size and variety of merchandise to the present complete department store. Edward Minas, the founder, hired his brother Emil to help staff the original store. Emil is the only one of the eight Minas children still living.

Newspaper advertising became an important contact with the public early in the history of the store, even before the turn of the century. Most business was on a cash basis but early ledgers contain the names of most of the early families in the area. First deliveries were made by wheel barrow, later by wagons, and then by trucks.

In 1894 the store at part of its present location in the middle of the block was erected on land purchased from Joe Hess. It was twice the size of the first store and three stories high, lighted by kerosene lamps. It was open five nights a week. After the turn of the century, the store again doubled in size and the present building was added west of the original building. This new building contained Hammond's first elevator. The symbol of the store's policy became a picture of clasped hands with the words "Confidence" and "Reliability" above and below the hands. These were the key words of Mr. Minas' success. Memories of the early store include Saturday night band concerts in the store, the sale of umbrellas on the front sidewalk, advertisements painted on barns in the countryside around Hammond, coupons and trading stamps issued, bus service from surrounding towns with free lunch provided and trip back home in the afternoon, and the annual picnic since 1919.

The store has always been known as a family store and Mr. Minas kept in personal touch with his customers by being on the floor to meet them. More recent important dates include: 1925, the building of the warehouse at Douglas and Oakley and the providing of the first store owned parking lot in Hammond; 1940, the complete modernization of the store; 1944, began the annual showing of the Northern Indiana Art Salon; Dec. 31, 1949, the death of Mr. Minas, the founder; 1951, the complete air conditioning of the store finished; 1952, a cooperative employees insurance plan started and the annual Christmas devotions started for employees the week before Christmas; 1960, erection of Hammond's largest car parking garage. Phrases which have been associated with the store over the years include: "Service and satisfaction to its customers," "The Marshall Field's of Hammond," and "The Store with a heart."

MINUTES - April 14, 1964

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 but members examined the pictures and souvenirs from the store's collection which were on display as well as the pictures on display by the Northern Indiana Art Salon.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Stahl

Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ATTENDANCE - April 14, 1964 -

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Bess Sturgeon	8 Waltham Street, Hammond
Gladys McKinney	8 Waltham Street, Hammond
Anton H. Tapper	6902 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Minas III	7224 Baring Parkway, Hammond
Josephine K. Row	6712 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Kay Lynch	8952 White Oak, Munster
Violet Carver	Southmoor Road
Ray Wiker	6247 Jefferson Avenue, Hammond
Harry H. Black	911 Lyons Street, Hammond
Mrs. Walter Koenigs	3628 Jackson Street, Lansing, Ill.
Walter Koenigs	3628 Jackson Street, Lansing, Ill.
Mrs. Lulu B. Lasater	222 Ogden Street, Hammond
Mrs. Roscoe E. Woods	7531 Maplewood Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. M.P. Ludwig	30 Mason Street, Hammond
Mrs. Vincent Bower	517 - 165th Street, Hammond
Joseph Piekarczyk	6638 Carolina Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. N.V. Owen	440 Highland Street, Hammond
Bertha Kleihege	5933 Park Place, Apt. 1, Hammond
Margaret Rauer	6246 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Irene Kolanko	
Mrs. Ann Lauer	5945 Hyslpp Street, Hammond
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Blvd, Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	317 Sunnyside Avenue, Munster
Freelove Arnold	4849 Oak Avenue, Hammond
Ruth Arnold	4849 Oak Avenue, Hammond
Mary Burhans	5937 Park Place, Hammond
Florence Allman	239 - 169th Street, Hammond
Mary J. Ruch	516 Waltham Street, Hammond
Mildred Peehl	1729 - 171st Street, Hammond
Ruth Whitman	6904 Olcott Avenue, Hammond
Eugene R. Balsley	223 Locust Street, Hammond
Josephine W. Balsley	223 Locust Street, Hammond
Leigh M. Grant	7139 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mary R. Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Walter O. Bell	237 Highland Street, Hammond
Wan G. Palmer	225 Lawndale Avenue, Hammond
Jack B. Parmer	225 Lawndale Avenue, Hammond
Marvin Wheeler	921 - 173rs Street, Hammond
Corene J. Porter	845 Hoffman Street, Hammond
Barbara Nelson	3431 - 41st Street, Highland
George Nelson	3431 - 41st Street, Highland
Georgia Barnett	2434 Martha Street, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
April 28, 1964

The Board of Directors meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was called to order by the president, George Nelson, at the Harrison Park Branch Library at 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 1964. Six members were present.

George Nelson reported that the society has again been invited to participate in the Sigma Beta's Antique Show, Sept. 23-25 at St. Michael's Ukranian Hall. A wall booth has been offered this year. A decision on this was postponed until members who could work on setting it up could be contacted.

Plans for the annual dinner meeting in May were discussed. The earlier plans for a joint meeting with Gary and Crown Point with U.S. Grant III as speaker did not materialize. Local churches suggested for this meeting place included St. Nicholas Byzantine Church in Munster and the Unity Church on Calumet and River Drive. Marjorie Sohl offered to contact these two churches to make arrangements for the dinner and speaker from the church. The date was set for Tuesday, May 26. Upon setting of the place and price, George Nelson would have Warren Reeder send out the notices to members.

The annual bus tour was discussed and the possibility of a tour of the south part of Lake County was suggested. George Nelson was going to work with Warren Reeder to see if this could be arranged for late May or early June.

Anna Emery was reported ill and in the Homestead Convalescent Home in Burnham.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sohl

Secretary



The Rev. Grace Free, minister of Unity Church of Christ, 740 River dr., Hammond, serves congregation of nearly 200

persons. Prior to coming to northwest Indiana in 1952, she taught in Unity School of Christianity in Lees Summit, Mo.

WOMAN'S WORK

Rev. Grace Free Has Goal— to Serve Her Congregation

Society to Hear Church History

HAMMOND — The Hammond Historical society has set its annual meeting for 6:30 p. m. Tuesday in the Unity Church of Christ, 740 River dr., Hammond. Officers and six members of the board of directors will be elected for the coming year.

Each year the historical society meets in a Hammond area church to hear the history of that church. The speaker this year will be the Rev. Grace Free, of Unity Church of Christ.

In 1962, historical society members visited St. John's Lutheran church, 514 Sibley blvd., Calumet City. In 1963, members met in St. Paul's Episcopal church, 6043 Hohman av., Hammond.

HAMMOND—Being a woman minister really isn't much different from being a mother who is a minister to her children. The Rev. Grace Free, minister of the Unity Church of Christ, 740 River dr., Hammond, sees her vocation as simply woman's work. "I'm not trying to be a man," she said, "but just trying to do the spiritual work as a woman."

That she is the only woman preacher in the area, the Rev. Mrs. Free explains her breed isn't uncommon in the Unity church movement. "In some other areas of the country they wouldn't even blink an eye at the idea of a woman in the clergy," she said.

"I don't know whether it was faith or foolishness when I went to the architect and had the plans drawn up for this."

Former Teacher

The Rev. Mrs. Free came to the Hammond area in 1952 from a teaching position with the Unity School of Christianity, Lees Summit, Mo. She also did her ministerial training and was ordained there.

"When I arrived here there were only about five or six persons attending the Unity classes, and today we have a congregation of nearly 200 persons," she said.

The Unity movement is a practical religion which is similar to the teachings of Norman Vincent Peale, the Rev. Mrs. Free said.

Calls It 'Miracle'

The buff brick and limestone trim church and 2¼ acres of property on the Calumet river is what the minister calls her "miracle."

"It took some sacrifice to get this far," she said. "The people were all so wonderful and helpful, and they just had to believe in me. After all, we started with just a file cabinet and a bookcase."

Why did the minister from Kansas City who formerly worked for the department of justice, Washington, D.C., decide to stay in Hammond?

"This has been quite an experience," she said. "This entire area is fascinating because the people are so stimulating."

There are so many brilliant persons and they are from every part of the world."

The founder of the only Unity church in the area now hopes to expand the present facilities to include a room for the children's Sunday school.

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HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 28, 1964

NAME

ADDRESS

Mary R. Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Munster
Lida M. Owen	440 Highland Street, Hammond
Dollie Bower	517 - 165th Street, Hammond
Edward B. Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
George H. Nelson	3431 - 14th Street, Highland
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1964

The fifth annual meeting of the Hammond Historical Society, Inc. was held as a dinner meeting at the Unity Church of Christ, 740 River Drive, Hammond, on Tuesday, May 26, 1964. Dinner was served by the ladies of the church at 6:30 p.m. with 34 attending.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:40p.m. by the president, George Nelson. A roll call sheet was passed. Minutes of the April 14th meeting were read and approved. The attached treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Marguerite Cook showing a balance on hand of \$235.02.

Mrs. Mary Peters, chairman of the nominating committee read the committee's report nominating the following officers:

President	Anton Tapper
1st Vice President	Henry J. Schmueser
Treasurer	Warren Reeder
Secretary	Marjorie Sohl
Directors - Term expiring May, 1968	

Mrs. Fred W. Carter
Mr. Henry Fehlberg
Mr. Joseph Piekarczyk
Mr. Delbert Purkey
Mrs. Roscoe Woods

She moved that the report be accepted and that the officers be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried.

George Nelson read the attached annual report summarizing the year's activities.

Warren Reeder was called upon to make the announcements and presentations. He thanked those who have turned in written material for use in the bulletin. He read a letter from Mrs. Joseph Brown of Crown Point reiterating her plea for a copy of Howat's History of Lake County which is wanted for the Timothy Ball collection at Franklin College. He outlined details for the annual bus tour. Plans are to tour Crown Point and Lowell on Sunday, June 21, leaving Harrison Park at 1:30 p.m., price \$1.00 per person, with the first 45 reservations in to fill the bus. Plans include a visit to the grave of Obidia Taylor, the only Revolutionary War veteran buried in Lake County and a stop at the monument to war veterans in Lowell. Warren Reeder presented the society's distinguished service award to Mrs. Marguerite Cook, retiring treasurer who is also retiring from her job at the Hoosier Bank and moving away from Hammond, and to George Nelson, the retiring president.

The speaker for the evening was Rev. Mrs. Grace Free, minister of the host Unity Church of Christ. She welcomed the society to the church and expressed the hope that because of our fellowship together, we will have a greater respect for each other as organizations of the community. She gave some history and background of the Unity movement which was started by Charles and Myrtle Filmore in 1889 in Lee

Summit, Missouri. The 75th anniversary will be observed this year. She pointed out that Unity is not a church sect but a practicing of faith in a loving God and a practical application of Christian teachings to daily living. A prayer ministry was started by the leaders, and out of their writings, a publishing house was founded. Some of their regular publications include Modern Thought, Wee Wisdom, Daily Word, Weekly Unity, and Progress for youth.

There are now over 300 centers established throughout the world. One of them is herein Hammond for the whole Calumet Region. Locally the lectures were first given in Gary in the 1930's by Rev. Hasbauer. In 1945 some in the area began to meet regularly at the Y.M.C.A. in Gary. Mrs. Margaret Kane came from Springfield as a part time minister in 1949. In 1951 Rev. Mrs. Grace Free came and held meetings at the Masonic Temple in Hammond. In 1953 they started meeting Sunday mornings at the K of P Hall in Hammond. In 1956 they incorporated with the purchase of land in mind and in Nov. 1959 the church building in which we are meeting was dedicated. From a cabinet of books in the Gary Y.M.C.A. they have grown to a small congregation in their own building with an \$86,000 mortgage, but it is coming down by faith. This is the first unit of a planned Sunday School wing and sanctuary. One of the church members showed some slides of the progress of the building to go along with Rev. Free's story of it, a story which reflects the deep faith and inspiration that she gives to her group of followers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sahl

Secretary

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Treasurer's Annual Report
May 25, 1964

BALANCE on Hand, 5/24/63 \$329.53

DEPOSITS:

62 Individual Memberships	\$186.00	
1 Institutional Membership	10.00	
Donation from Hoosier State Bank	30.00	
27 Dinners (1963)	67.50	
50 Tours (1963)	50.00	
Refund postage (Mrs. Bower).	3.08	<u>346.58</u>

TOTAL ASSETS. \$676.11

EXPENSES:

5/28/63 Rev. Balsley for Camera Entry.	\$ 30.00	
5/28/63 St.Elizabeth Guild(57 Dinners@\$2.50)	142.50	
5/29/63 Thompson Printing Co.(Distinguished Award Certificates)	24.00	
5/31/63 Joe Eisendrath (Dinner Speaker-1963)	10.00	
6/14/63 Chgo. & Cal. Dist. Transportation Co. (Bus Tour).	40.00	
6/14/63 Wms. & Meyer Co.(5 Certificate Folders)	30.52	
6/21/63 Pearl April (Award Engraving).	2.35	
7/9/63 Marjorie Sohl (Postage).	3.80	
8/8/63 V&M Offset Printers (Negatives - Camp Douglas)	17.35	
10/2/63 Easels for Show.	26.70	
10/3/63 Negatives.	2.00	
10/4/63 Easels	3.44	
10/11/63 Show Expenses.	12.94	
10/31/63 Postage.	5.20	
11/5/63 Lynch Office	4.15	
11/27/63 Postage.	4.64	
11/27/63 Multiple Listing Service	5.35	
12/20/63 Multiple Listing Service	9.20	
1/15/64 Secretary of State of Indiana.	1.00	
1/21/64 Postage.	2.00	
1/24/64 Multiple Listing Service	5.45	
2/21/64 Postage.	20.00	
3/6/64 Multiple Listing Service	3.65	
4/1/64 Multiple Listing Service	23.54	
4/21/64 Klines Modern Copies	5.85	
5/13/64 Multiple Listing Service	5.46	<u>441.09</u>

BALANCE on Hand, 5/25/64 \$235.02

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Cook
Marguerite Cook, Treasurer

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The Hammond Historical Society

May 26, 1964

The Hammond Historical Society is now five years old but this is only the fourth full year of its existence. A great deal has been accomplished but much more remains to be done. Among our greatest needs are more active members and a place to house our increasing collection of pictures, papers, and other historical artifacts.

In June, 1963, our third annual tour was held on Father's Day with a trip to the site of the "Union Andersonville," Camp Douglas, the Douglas Tomb, and Oakwood Cemetery with Joe Eisendrath as the guide. In the latter part of September, our booth at the Sigma Beta Sorority's Antique Show and Sale created much interest and won us many compliments. We have been asked to participate again next fall and have tentatively agreed.

In November, Mrs. Joseph (Avis) Brown, of Crown Point, spoke on Timothy H. Ball, outstanding minister, teacher, and historian in and of Lake County. Mrs. Brown's extensive display of books and pamphlets by Timothy Ball were examined by many at the completion of her talk.

In March, Mr. Ralph Artim presented the fascinating story of the Artim Trucking Company's rise from a one-man, one-truck

general hauling taxi and bus service organization to the large and specialized hauler of oversized bridge and construction equipment of today. Many fine pictures were available to illustrate the growth of this Hessville company.

In April, Mr. Edward C. Minas, III presented a history of the Minas Store on "the site of the subject to be discussed." We were fascinated by the inside details of the growth of the "Marshall Field's of Hammond" and afterwards examined not only a number of historic pictures of the store but also the many fine paintings of the Northern Indiana Art Salon's 21st Annual meeting.

The Board of Directors met four times during the year to carry on the necessary and vital behind the scenes work that preceded these programs.

The first and second newsletters of the Hammond Historical Society were very informative and well received. Credit here goes to Warren Reeder, the editor, and to those who contributed material.

Individuals who deserve special thanks are Marj Sohl, our efficient and capable secretary, who played the primary role in arranging for this dinner meeting; Mrs. Mary R. Peters for her part in the "overseeing" of the display of our "wares" at the Sigma Beta show; and to Warren Reeder, Marvin Wheeler, and Edward Hayward for the assembling, transporting, setting up, and dismantling of the display.

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Thanks also go to the members of the Board of Directors for their invaluable assistance, encouragement, and ideas, and to all those who have contributed historical artifacts for our files.

HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ATTENDANCE - May 26, 1964

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Florence Allman	239 - 169th Street, Hammond
Barnett, Georgia	2434 Martha Street, Hammond
Mrs. Vincent Bower	517 - 165th Street, Hammond
Miss Edith Burhans	5937 Park Place, Hammond
Mrs. L. L. Caldwell	6225 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Henry C. Cleveland	640 - 165th Street, Hammond
Mrs. Marguerite Cook	911 - 176th Street, Hammond
Miss Barbara Daugherty	7022 Jackson Avenue, Hammond
Rev. Grace Free	1525 West 5th Avenue, Gary
Alice Fuzy	6555 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Mr. Edward Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Edward Hayward	6708 Madison Avenue, Hammond
Caroline Hohman	54 Ruth Street, Hammond
Charlotte Kasten	317 Sunnyside Avenue, Munster
Mrs. Charles Lauer	5945 Hysloy Place, Hammond
Flora M. Lempke	438 Detroit Street, Hammond
Mrs. Matthew P. Ludwig	30 Mason Street, Hammond
Mr. Clarence Minas	7306 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Clarence Minas	7306 Forest Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Margaret M. Moore	257 Doty Street, Hammond
Mr. George Nelson	3431 - 41st Street, Highland
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Mrs. Lida Owen	440 Highland Street, Hammond
Mrs. Grace Parker	5111 Oakley Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Mary Peters	8428 Moraine Avenue, Hammond
Joseph Piekarczyk	6638 Carolina Avenue, Hammond
Harriett Pinkerton	5954 Park Place, Hammond
Warren Reeder	245 - 169th Street, Hammond
Marjorie Sohl	5615 Sohl Avenue, Hammond
Ann Stevesand	918 Summer Blvd. Hammond
Anton H. Tapper	6902 Monroe Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Harry Whiting	6304 Harrison Avenue, Hammond
Mr. John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. John F. Wilhelm	6346 Hohman Avenue, Hammond
Mrs. Roscoe E. Woods	7531 Maplewood Avenue, Hammond

OFFICERS 1963 - 1964

President	George Nelson
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Treasurer	Mrs. M. Cook

THE HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

4th Annual Meeting
May 26th, 1964, 6:30 p. m.
Unity Church of Christ

WELCOME - George H. Nelson, President

INVOCATION - Rev. Grace Free

DINNER - Served by the Ladies Unity Guild

BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS -

Minutes of Last Meeting -

Miss Marjorie Sohl, Secretary

Treasurer's Annual Report -

Mrs. Marguerite Cook, Treasurer

Report of Nominating Committee -

Mrs. Mary R. Peters

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT - George H. Nelson

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS - Warren A.
Reeder

MAIN SPEAKER - Rev. Grace Free, Unity Church
of Christ, Hammond, "The History of the
Unity Church of Christ

ADJOURNMENT

THE HAMMOND TIMES

Monday, June 15, 1964

Historical Tour Slated

HAMMOND — A tour of historical points of interest will be taken at 1:30 p.m. June 21 by the Hammond Historical Society.

The group will depart by bus from 5935 Hohman Ave., and will view historical points in Dyer, Crown Point, Cedar Lake and Lowell. In Cedar Lake, the group will place a wreath at the grave of Obadiah Taylor, only Revolutionary War veteran buried in Lake County.

A monument representing soldiers who fought in the War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War and Spanish-American War will be visited in Lowell.

THE HAMMOND TIMES Wednesday, June 24, 1964

Historians Elect Tapper

HAMMOND—Anton Tapper Jr. is the new president of the Hammond Historical Society.

Other officers are Henry J. Schmueser, first vice president; Miss Marjorie Sohl, secretary, and Warren Reeder, treasurer.

Directors are Mrs. Fred Carter, Henry Fehlberg, Joseph Piekarczyk, Delbert Purkey and Mrs. Roscoe Woods.

The society toured the southern part of Lake County, stopping at monuments at Dyer, Crown Point, Cedar Lake and Lowell.